

ORDINANCE NO. 5502 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS
IN CADDO PARISH, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT
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WHEREAS, La. R.S. 51:660 authorizes the Caddo Parish Commission to “. . . regulate or prohibit the sale, use, and possession of pyrotechnics commonly known as fireworks in conformity with the provisions of this Part”; and

WHEREAS, the use of fireworks can disturb the peace and therefore should be confined to seasonal usage during reasonable hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo is hereby amended by adding thereto Section 32-62 to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 32-62. Use of Fireworks

- (1) The explosion of fireworks is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish, except from June 18th through July 5th and December 15th through January 1st of each year. The hours of discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks are restricted to those in subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) On the dates set forth in subsection (1) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; provided, however, such activities shall not be unlawful on December 31st of each year between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and on January 1st of each year between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.
- (3) The discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks is strictly prohibited at all times in any fire district or area within which a burn ban has been declared, or if a statewide burn ban is in effect.
- (4) Each violation prosecuted may be deemed a separate misdemeanor count under this ordinance; the punishment for a violation shall be in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances.
- (5) Fireworks are defined as shall be held to mean any division 1.4 firework, to include but not limited to, sparkler, squib, rocket, firecracker, roman candle, signal lights, fireworks, or other devices or composition used to obtain visible or audible pyrotechnic displays.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that copies of this Ordinance shall be distributed by the Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission to all fire districts located in Caddo Parish as well as to the Sheriff of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Office of the Parish Attorney

Date