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MEDIA RELEASE

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FIREWORKS

The City of Colonial Heights and the State of Virginia prohibit any person from possessing, using, or igniting any firework that explodes, rises into the air, or shoots a projectile. Therefore, any firecracker, mortar rocket, bottle rocket, roman candle, etc. is illegal. Any violation is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable by not more than 12 months in jail and / or \$2,500 dollar fine.

Fireworks can only be used on private property with permission from the property owner. Fireworks cannot be used on any City street or City property.

People are reminded that although fireworks are thrilling and beautiful to look at, they are extremely dangerous. Fireworks can cause burns, which can lead to permanent disfigurement or even worse, death. Even a simple sparkler can create temperatures above 1,200 to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit. Normal wood burns at between 550 and 650. Fireworks are not toys for children to play with. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using fireworks and never assume that it is safe.