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TO: San Antonio Fire Department and Development Services Department Associates
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FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2015-003

TITLE: Fireworks Sales in Limited Purpose Annexation Areas

CODE EDITIONS: 2015 International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted and amended by the City of San Antonio

SECTION: 2015 IFC §5601.1.3.1 **Unlawful Possession of Fireworks**

PURPOSE: To clarify if fireworks sales are allowed in annexed areas of San Antonio under “limited purpose” status.

QUESTION: San Antonio City Ordinance 2014-01-09-0001 provided the extension of the city limits of San Antonio known as “South San Antonio Limited Purpose Annexation Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, and Area 4” under a limited purpose status. The ordinance reads that “Limited sales and possession of fireworks is permitted in areas annexed for limited purposes in accordance with Ordinance No. 97683.” My fireworks stand is located within this area. Am I allowed to continue to sell fireworks?

ANSWER: Yes. The referenced ordinance is one that has expired and is actually unenforceable. However, a new ordinance is being drafted to allow fireworks sales in limited purpose annexed areas that were referenced in #2014-01-09-001. Fireworks sales will be allowed in these areas during the July 4, 2015 selling period only, pending the adoption of the new ordinance. The authorization only applies to fireworks stands in existence at the time of the ordinance adoption on January 9, 2014.

As per the referenced ordinance, it shall be lawful for any person to have, keep, store, or transport fireworks or pyrotechnics of all kinds in any quantity, within the limited purpose corporate limits of the city if, but only if:

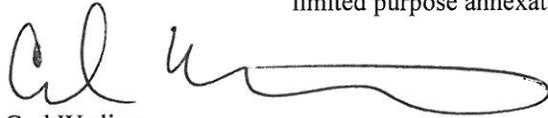
- 1) the person purchased the fireworks or pyrotechnics from a retail location within the limited purpose corporate limits that was in existence at the time of the ordinance adoption on January 9, 2014;
- 2) such person immediately transports the fireworks or pyrotechnics so purchased by the most expeditious available route out of and away from the full or limited purpose corporate limits of the city; and,
- 3) the person does not use the fireworks or pyrotechnics within either the full or limited purpose corporate limits of the city.

QUESTION:

I have fireworks stands on the north side of town too. Will I be allowed to sell fireworks in this area if I am annexed for limited purposes?

ANSWER:

This code interpretation applies only to the July 4, 2015 selling period, only for those stands located in the South San Antonio Limited Purpose Annexation Areas and only for those stands in existence on January 9, 2014. Permission to sell fireworks in future limited purpose annexation areas will be dependent on the ordinance adopted at the time.

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