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**Statement by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts on City's
Strict Enforcement of City's Fireworks Ordinance During Memorial
Day Weekend**

"Attached are highlights of the city ordinance regulations for purchase and discharge of fireworks during the Memorial Day weekend.

"These regulations will be distributed to all vendors of fireworks licensed by the State of Michigan under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act which I strongly opposed, along with state police and firefighter organizations.

"I opposed passage of the legislation in 2012 because fireworks are now legal in Michigan, even though they are **louder, longer and more lethal**.

"The legislation legalizes fireworks on 10 holidays including Christmas and Thanksgiving, which I believe is inappropriate. These are family holidays, hardly days to discharge loud fireworks.

"When fireworks are discharged, I receive many calls from upset residents about the impact of loud fireworks on their pets, senior citizens, and their peace and tranquility.

"I still believe this law should be rescinded because of the disruption, police overtime, blight, and noise caused by the law."

Special Media Note

Mayor Jim Fouts will accompany a Warren police officer in a police vehicle through Friday to distribute the city's fireworks regulations (attached) to fireworks vendors and on Memorial Day evening to patrol city neighborhoods looking for violators of city's fireworks ordinance.