

Dear Concerned Citizens:

I fully appreciate your concerns in regard to how the Mackinaw City Police Department enforces the sale, discharge, storage, transportation and distribution of fireworks within the Village of Mackinaw City. The growth in the popularity and use of today's fireworks has grown substantially. The State legislation enacted Act 256 of 2011 which is commonly referred to as the, "Michigan Fireworks Safety Act."

Act 256 provides for the legislation of fireworks within the State and how law enforcement is allowed to deal with them. If you were to read this Act, you will find that the Village is quite restricted in how the issue of fireworks is enforced during certain times of the year. Those times of year include the day before, the day of, and the day after the Federal Holidays of New Year's Day, the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. During those days, the Village is not allowed to restrict fireworks. This includes the time of day.

To learn more about Act 256 of 2011 please go to it here:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0256.pdf>

Thank you for your understanding of this issue and I hope I have been able to provide a better understanding of it.

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