



June 9, 2023

Dear West Newport Beach Neighbor:

The City of Newport Beach enhances public safety efforts on the Fourth of July holiday to help maintain a safe, festive and family friendly environment in the West Newport / Balboa Peninsula area. This letter includes important information about certain public safety related regulations, violations, and fines that will be in effect during the upcoming holiday, which falls on a Tuesday this year. I encourage you to take a few moments to read it so that you will be aware of the various regulations that will be in place.

West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone (Newport Beach Municipal Code [NBMC] §1.04.060)

Your home or property is located within an area designated by the City Council as the West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone. The area is bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the south, 32nd Street and Newport Boulevard on the east, Pacific Coast Highway on the north and 54th Street on the west (Location map enclosed).

NOTE: The Safety Enhancement Zone designation will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. on July 4, 2023 to 3 a.m. on July 5, 2023.

Fines, Penalties and Provisions in the Safety Enhancement Zone (NBMC §1.04.010[B])

Fines in the Safety Enhancement Zone during the above-specified period are tripled for any violation of the NBMC.

If the NBMC violation committed is considered an infraction, and no other fine is specified for the particular violation, the fine amounts will be as follows:

- A fine not exceeding \$300 for a first violation;
- A fine not exceeding \$600 for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year;
- A fine not exceeding \$1,000 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year.

Large Parties and Gatherings (NBMC §10.58.030[C])

The person or persons responsible for a large party or gathering, the occupant or occupants of the property, and the owner or owners of the private property within the Safety Enhancement Zone will be responsible for immediately complying with a request from any law enforcement officer to terminate all unruly or illegal behavior on the property. They will also be responsible, in addition to other fines and penalties, for the payment of a fine in the amount of \$300 for each full, 10-minute segment during which unruly or illegal conduct continues past the time that the law enforcement officer requests termination.

Loud and Unruly Gatherings (NBMC §10.66.060[B])

The Newport Beach Municipal Code establishes fines for responsible persons that participate in, or are part of, a loud or unruly gathering that consists of eight or more persons on any private residential property for a social occasion or other activity upon which loud or unruly conduct occurs and results in a public nuisance or a threat to the public health, safety, general welfare, or quiet enjoyment of residential and nearby properties.

Loud and unruly conduct includes excessive noise, excessive traffic, obstruction of public streets or crowds who have spilled over into public streets, obstruction of rights of way by people or vehicles participating in these large gatherings, public intoxication, the consumption by and provision of alcohol to minors, fights, disturbances of the peace, vandalism, urinating or defecating in public, and litter.

Property owners and/or party hosts are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Loud and unruly parties requiring a police response could result in a citation or arrest for those present, and fines for property owners, tenants, renters, and guests.

The fines associated with violations of the Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance (LUGO) that occur within the West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone are as follows:

- A civil fine not exceeding \$1,500 for a first violation;
- A civil fine not exceeding \$3,000 for a second and any subsequent violations within 90 days of the first violation.

Short-Term Lodging Permit Violations/Penalties/Revocation (NBMC §5.95.060[C])

Property owners with short-term lodging permits for dwellings located in the West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone must comply with the standard permit conditions. Failure to do so during the period that the Safety Enhancement Zone is in effect could result in a fine of \$1,000 and/or revocation of the permit for a period not less than 60 days.

Fireworks Are Prohibited in Newport Beach (NBMC §9.04.420)

It is illegal for individuals to possess or use fireworks in Newport Beach. **We will strictly enforce this prohibition.** This includes “safe and sane” fireworks such as fountains and sparklers that can be purchased in nearby cities. Please do not bring them into town.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Sergeant Sabrina Fabbri, who is assigned to help coordinate NBPD’s preparations for the July 4th Holiday Weekend, at 949-644-3681 or sfabbri@nbpd.org.

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, I wish you a happy, fun, and safe Independence Day.

Sincerely,

Grace Leung
City Manager

Enclosure: Map of West Newport Safety Enhancement Zone