



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84**  
**Series of 2022**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF  
PYROTECHNICS IN CELEBRATION OF PASKOHAN SA GENSAN 2022  
AND THE NEW YEAR, IMPOSITION OF SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Executive Order No. 28, Series of 2017, which regulates and controls the use of Firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices, gives authority to the LGU to implement, administer, and enforce the necessary guidelines to mitigate pyrotechnic related injuries and accidents;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 73 series of 2017 of this city was promulgated, which designates specific Community Fireworks Display Zones, along the different Barangays of General Santos City;

**WHEREAS**, the Paskohan sa Gensan 2022 and the 2023 New Year's Eve, is an integral part of the annual celebration of holidays especially in General Santos City, as it focuses on the celebration of family and life – a season which is a long-awaited event and is celebrated at the last quarter of every year;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens willfully use Pyrotechnics, to make celebrations more festive, especially during Christmas and New Year

**WHEREAS**, there are still threats to the public safety and security of the constituents of General Santos City;

**WHEREAS**, the safety of the people is the utmost priority of the city government, and it is important to provide guidelines for the use of Pyrotechnics and ensure its strict implementation within the city for an orderly and peaceful observance of the holiday season.

**NOW THEREFORE, I LORELIE G. PACQUIAO**, Mayor of the City of General Santos, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby implement the following:

**SECTION 1. GENERAL CLAUSE.** In order for all of the generals to harmoniously celebrate this yuletide season, the public is enjoined to be proactive in ensuring that personal safety and health measures are undertaken. The LGU strongly discourages authorized or unauthorized driving of any vehicles by any minors, drunk driving, among others.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** To remove vagueness and ambiguities, the specific terms included in this executive order shall be defined as follows:

1. **COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY ZONES** – zones specifically designated by virtue of EO No. 73 series of 2017, of this city, where the discharge and use of Fireworks and Firecrackers are authorized.
2. **FIRECRACKERS** – is a small explosive device primarily designed to produce a large amount of noise, especially in the form of a loud bang; any visual effect is incidental to this goal. They have fuses and are wrapped in a heavy paper casing to contain the explosive compound.



3. **FIREWORKS** - are a class of explosive pyrotechnic devices used for aesthetic, cultural, and religious purposes. Fireworks take many forms to produce the four primary effects: noise, light, smoke and floating materials (confetti for example.) They may be designed to burn with flames and sparks of many colors, typically red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, silver and gold.
4. **PYROTECHNICS OR PYROTECHNIC DEVICE** – any kind of HIGHLY FLAMMABLE materials used for festivities, and celebrations, such as firecrackers and fireworks.

**SECTION 3. SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PYROTECHNICS.** In order to regulate the sale and distribution of pyrotechnics, these guidelines shall be in effect, the sale and distribution of pyrotechnics can only be done by the following:

1. Persons who have secured and complied with the necessary permits with the PNP, RCSU, and LGU;
2. Pyrotechnics that have been verified, and issued as safe to use, through an ICC seal;
3. Selling shall only be conducted at the designated stalls specifically allowed for the selling of pyrotechnic devices located inside the oval plaza.
4. Sales only start on December 15, 2022 – December 31, 2022.
5. NO MINOR shall be allowed to purchase any pyrotechnic devices.
6. Online distributors must also be compliant with the required permits and licenses pursuant to existing laws.

**SECTION 4. USE OR DISCHARGE OF PYROTECHNICS.** In order to regulate the use and discharge of pyrotechnics, the following must strictly be observed:

1. In case of events or corporate celebrations only, Persons and/or Event Organizers who have secured permits with the PNP, BFP, and LGU shall use or discharge pyrotechnic devices.
2. For individual, use and discharge of pyrotechnics shall be done on the designated areas allotted by each barangay, to wit:

a. Barangay Apopong	Purok 3 Lanton (near St. Peter and Paul Chapel) Purok Foremost Village Phase 1 (near evacuation center)
b. Barangay Baluan	At the back of the Barangay Covered Court (Near rice/corn dryer)
c. Barangay Buayan	Barangay Hall Compound
d. Barangay Batomelong	Barangay Hall Compound
e. Barangay Bula	Junction Zone 5 and Zone 9
f. Barangay Calumpang	SK Plaza
g. Barangay City Heights	Zaldivar beside St. Michael the Archangel Parish
h. Barangay Conel	Vacant lot of the Barangay
i. Barangay Dad. East	Oval Plaza and Queen Tuna Park
j. Barangay Dad. North	Oval Plaza and Queen Tuna Park
k. Barangay Dad. West	Oval Plaza and Queen Tuna Park
l. Barangay Dad. South	Oval Plaza and Queen Tuna Park
m. Barangay Fatima	Barangay Hall Compound
n. Barangay Katangawan	Barangay Hall Compound



o. Barangay Labangal	Barangay Hall Compound
p. Barangay Lagao	Back of Lagao Gym
q. Barangay Ligaya	Compound of Barangay Hall
r. Barangay Mabuhay	Purok 3 beside old cemetery
s. Barangay Olympog	Barangay Hall Compound at the back of SK Building
t. Barangay San Isidro	Vacant lot beside Barangay Hall
u. Barangay San Jose	All Purok multi-purpose dyer
v. Barangay Siguel	Barangay Plaza
w. Barangay Sinawal	Barangay open space
x. Barangay Tambler	Barangay Hall Compound (near basketball court) Purok Diamond
y. Barangay Tinagakan	Barangay Plaza
z. Barangay Upper Labay	Barangay Plaza

**SECTION 5. ALTERNATIVE NOISE-MAKING METHODS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS.** In order to promote safer and more inclusive celebrations, the use of alternative noise-making methods is encouraged in lieu of pyrotechnics such as playing musical instruments, banging on drums, or using noisemakers, such as party favors or kazoos.

The use of these alternative methods is encouraged as they can provide a festive atmosphere without posing the same safety risks as fireworks, such as potential fires and injuries.

**SECTION 6. PROHIBITIONS.** To exercise preventive measures and to mitigate accidents, the following are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** at the designated stalls located inside the oval plaza specifically allotted for selling pyrotechnic devices:

1. Bringing, using, selling of Lighters, any and all other incendiary devices.
2. Bringing, using, selling of any Cigarettes, Vapes, E-Cigarettes.
3. Bringing, using, selling of any unauthorized Pyrotechnic Devices
4. Minors purchasing any pyrotechnic device.
5. Parking near the entrance and exit of the designated pyrotechnic stalls inside the oval plaza.
6. Testing or discharging any Pyrotechnic Device inside or adjacent to the pyrotechnic stalls, of the oval plaza.

**SECTION 7. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS.** In consideration that we are still in pandemic, to responsibly celebrate the festivities, it is important to reiterate the minimum health standard protocols. As such the following must be **STRICTLY OBSERVED AND IMPLEMENTED**:

1. Social Distancing;
2. Wearing Face Masks, despite being optional pursuant to EO. No.7 series of 2022, is still highly encouraged;
3. Minors and senior citizens are highly discouraged from going to highly crowded areas; and
4. Observe washing of hands.



**SECTION 8. AUTHORITY.** By virtue of this Executive Order. The Philippine National Police, along with the Bureau of Fire and Protection, and the Public Safety Office, will be given full authority as agents of the Executive body, to see to the full implementation of the guidelines, to ensure the safety of the constituents of General Santos City.

**SECTION 9. PENALTY.** All prohibited items shall be confiscated in favor of the government. Unauthorized selling or distribution of pyrotechnic devices shall be penalized by existing laws.

**SECTION 10. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION.** This Executive Order shall be suppletory to City Ordinance No. 29, Series of 2014, or AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES and DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-216 on matters not provided therein.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders, memoranda, rules and regulations or any part/s thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 22 day of December, 2022 at General Santos City, Philippines.

  
**LORELIE GERONIMO PACQUIAO**  
City Mayor

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