

From: Katrina Dohn <DohnK@tntfireworks.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: a unique alternate, highly safe option to a Fireworks Ban!

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Hello Snohomish County Council Members,

I am writing to implore you to NOT go down the road of a complete fireworks ban! Instead, I want to share a unique perspective and idea on the fireworks question currently being discussed in Snohomish County. I think you will find the information below to be a fresh perspective that has shown great results and **increased safety** in many communities in our region!

This structure, a Modified Fireworks Ban, is an out-of-the-box option that many people are not aware of when it comes to **decreasing stress and danger related to fireworks, and increasing peace and safe celebration. It is possible to do all of the above!**

I recently retired from a teaching career and took a job as the area manager for a fireworks company. In that role, I get to support non-profits in having successful fundraisers so that they can continue the good work they are doing in communities. However, once I took this job, I began responding to many municipalities grappling with the fireworks question. Interestingly, the communities I am working with are trying to figure out what to do because the bans they have had in place for years simply are not working, and in fact, they have found that they make the issue worse, so they are looking for alternate solutions.

What I am sharing with them is a Modified Fireworks Ban, something that many communities have found to be very successful in minimizing the fireworks concerns expressed in pretty much every community – loud booms that scare pets, children, veterans, etc., and fireworks that fly and have the potential to set fires. This model has been shown, both by data and anecdotally, to make a huge difference in those areas, and more and more communities are turning to this option as an alternative to their bans that have not been successful.

A Modified Fireworks Ban does the following. It is a WIN-WIN-WIN situation for all facets of communities grappling with the fireworks question.

1. Aerial fireworks and those that product a loud report (boom) are completely banned.
2. Sales of ground-based fireworks (Items that stay on the ground with nothing going up in the sky and nothing making loud booms) are allowed to be sold. These include fountains, which have a solid base on the ground and provide a display from there. Nothing is shot into the air. Also allowed are novelty items, the kid items such as snakes, tanks, etc. that stay on the ground. Statistics have shown that this category of fireworks is rarely involved in fireworks problems.

This is a WIN-WIN-WIN in the following ways:

1. For those concerned about danger of flying fireworks and noise, those items are completely banned and are not sold.
2. For families and others wanting a way to purchase safe fireworks, and to celebrate with fireworks in legal areas, those items are available. They do not have the option to purchase aerals or loud items.
3. For non-profit groups, the fundraising option is still available to them, allowing them to continue doing the good work they are doing in the community.

In addition, communities who have implemented this option have found that less of their populations go to tribal land, where the availability of highly dangerous items is prevalent, thus bringing less of them back to the community. One community found that 90% of their residents said they shop at the closest fireworks site. In that way, the city had strong control over what 90% of people purchased.

I would love to share more with you about this idea and the statistics shown by communities who have implemented this plan. The City of Tukwila is one such city who switched last year from a total ban, which they had had for 25 years, to a Modified Ban as described above. They found that they had the least number of calls for service in over 20 years, and \$45,000 was raised for non-profits. Because of stories like this, I am committed to working hard to help prevent communities from going down a path that other communities are finding simply does not work, and often makes things worse since people no longer have an accessible option for buying safe fireworks. I will continue to help currently banned cities to move to a modified ban, and hopefully help other communities to not go the way of a full ban.

I am available to share any supporting information that you may be interested in, or to help in any way possible. I would love to chat sometime, either virtually, by phone, or in person, if you would like to know more about this unique option. This is my passion, and I hope I can be of help as your county examines this issue.

Thank you so much for the time and effort it takes to be in the role of Council Member and to look hard at such challenging issues.

In partnership,

Katrina Dohn

Area Manager

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EXHIBIT XXX

ECAF 2023-0614 / Ordinance 23-057

Voice Mail from Katrina Dohn 06/05/23

(Available upon request with the Clerk of the Council. 425-388-3494 or contact.council@snoco.org)

Clerk Note: G:\ECAF\Council\23-0614 Fireworks

From: Kate Lunceford <kurlykate888@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 8:03 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Banning the sale of fireworks in South Snohomish County

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Dear County Council Members,

I appreciate Council Member Peterson's proposed amendment to ban the sale of fireworks where it is illegal to use them. I urge the County Council to pass it.

Use of fireworks increased in my neighborhood last summer perhaps in response to some signs in the neighborhood reminding people that their use is now unlawful. It is disheartening that the code is not being enforced. Many of us suffer through the hours of explosives and smoke and terrified pets. We grieve the residue left behind. I've seen Spotted Towhees eating the grains left on the ground. I see the residue ride the rain into our storm drains and out to the Sound.

Taking this next logical step will help us speak confidently to neighbors about other ways to celebrate our beautiful country.

Please pass this amendment.

Sincerely,
Kate Lunceford
Bothell

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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

From: Sally Lider <sally.lider@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 8:03 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Support for ban on sale of fireworks in Snohomish County

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At last! A sensible idea has been presented by Councilman Storm Peterson, to end the sale of fireworks where they are already illegal to use!

The current sale of fireworks is untenable. Allowing the sale, but not the use of fireworks, is like allowing the sale, but not the use of Heroin. There is absolutely no enforcement by the Sheriff's Department on the use of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County; banning the sale of fireworks will go a long way to stopping the illegal use of fireworks, where banned in Snohomish County.

Besides the obvious safety, fire hazard, PTSD-noise, and pet issues, fireworks pose a threat to our streams by stormwater runoff from sulfur compounds/heavy metals burned to make different colors; as well as from perchlorates used as a rocket accelerant—all of which are harmful to fish.

We need this proposal to be passed, ASAP!

THANK YOU.

From: Suzanne Cunliffe <osuzannahh@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 8:11 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks in Snohomish

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Please ban the sale of fireworks wherever they are not permitted to be used. I support the following:
Banning fireworks as requested in a letter:
Fireworks Pollution Source Control
Snohomish County Stormwater Management Plan and
Snohomish County Clean Water Act Violations
Request for Meeting to Discuss Banning Fireworks
Ordinance 23-057--
Please consider lazer fireworks.

Thanks,
Suzanne and Stephen Cunliffe



From: Ginny Enstad <ginnyenstad@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: fireworks

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PLEASE ban fireworks. I dread the 4th of July and New Year's Eve because I (and my dogs) can't feel safe and comfortable in our own home when idiots are blowing things up with no regard for anyone else! Some sort of ban AND ENFORCEMENT are necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Virginia Enstad
Edmonds, 98020

From: Michael Lawson <michaellawson6@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 4:21 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks sale ban

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Dear Council Members,
Many good reasons have been given for banning the sale of fireworks where they are illegal to light them.
I support such a ban.
Michael Lawson
Clearview

From: Kristin Kelly <kristy2cam@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Sale of fireworks

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I am one of many who are requesting the County Council to stop the sale of fireworks in the areas of the county where they are illegal to be used. How can the county enforce no fireworks in urban growth areas if they are allowed to be sold in those areas. It is a given that the county is counting on residents in the no-fireworks zones of the county to abide by the codes; please make it easier for folks to comply but not giving them a mixed message. If you don't want folks to be setting off fireworks in a particular part of the county that you have jurisdiction over, then don't seel the in those areas. That is just common sense.

Fireworks are not the same as when I was a child. They are loud and dangerous, and they disturb our neighbors and pets in very negaitve ways. I like to celebrate our Independence Day, but with all the growth in our urban areas, we cannot celebrate it as we did 20 or 50 years ago.

Thanks you.
Kristin Kelly

From: Steven Greenebaum <steven.greenebaum@frontier.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 5:25 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks

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Hello County Council,

Please ban the sale of fireworks where setting off fireworks is illegal.

Good grief, people, if setting of the fireworks is illegal, selling them should be illegal.

Please help.

Thank you,

Steven Greenebaum, Lynnwood

From: REBECCA WOLFE <rr.wolfe@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 10:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Enforce fireworks bans!

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Dear Members of the Snohomish County Council:

Please help protect our neighborhoods by insisting on better enforcement of fireworks bans in areas where they are not allowed.

Fireworks are a curse on our forests, homes, pets, and a civilized county. The noise associated with fireworks create enormous stress for people who experience anxiety around July Fourth.

We need to have a safe and sane Fourth of July. Please do whatever you can to contribute to that.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Wolfe
1124 2nd Ave. S.
Edmonds, WA 98020

From: Kristin Kelly <edpas2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 8:36 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fwd: Please consider a county-wide fireworks ban this year for fire prevention and safety

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask that you consider an emergency countywide fireworks ban this year because we are in a drought. In fact, the Verlot US Forest Service ranger station has listed the area as high for fire danger for the last 10 days, which is highly unusual for June. Since fireworks season usually starts in late June and can go through most of July (illegally, but it still happens and can't be well-enforced), fireworks can trigger a massive forest fire that could not be controlled or contained.

Thank you for consideration of my request.

Kristin Kelly

From: paul pesheck <pepesheck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: fireworks ban

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Hi
We are Paul Pesheck and Dory Olson residing at 21702 Locust Way, Lynnwood.
We wish that fireworks sale in Snohomish County be banned.
Thanks

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From: Karen Crowley <karenacrowley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Contact Council; Low, Sam
Subject: Proposed sale of Fireworks ban - Ordinance 23-057

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I am writing to express my adamant support for Ordinance 23-057, banning the sale of fireworks in those areas of Snohomish County where the use of fireworks is currently banned. It is more than past time for this ritual to be retired. Besides the obvious safety, fire hazard, PTSD-noise, and pet issues, fireworks pose a threat to our streams by stormwater runoff from sulfur compounds/heavy metals burned to make different colors; as well as from perchlorates used as a rocket accelerant—all of which are harmful to fish.

Please vote yes and move this legislation forward. As you know, there will be a 1-year delay in implementation. Let's not wait any longer.

Karen Crowley
602 Avenue A, Snohomish
District 5

From: Patsy Byers <byerspe@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks sales

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Please vote to ban the sale of fireworks in areas of Snohomish County where discharging them is already illegal. As long as these fireworks are available, some individuals will continue to set them off causing panic and distress among our Veterans, pets, elderly and wildlife. Igniting a fire in the Swamp Creek corridor would be horrific and is a real threat in our area.

Thank you,
Patricia Byers
425-818-8328

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From: ANNE BRIGGS <briggs870@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks

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Dear Council members,

Please don't allow the sale of fireworks in the county. Although it is illegal to set them off, it sends a mixed message. Many in my neighborhood set off dangerous fireworks which could set off a devastating fire.

Thank you.

Anne Briggs
22209 17th ave west
Lynnwood
98036

Sent from my iPhone

From: BRUCE A JOHNSON <clownjuggler@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 3:11 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

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I am writing in support of approving ordinance 23-057 banning the sale of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County.

I spoke in favor of the total fireworks ban several years ago. Allowing the sale of something that was illegal to use did not make sense to me.

There is a church on Larch Way that is on unincorporated county property. It is completely surrounded by cities that ban fireworks or unincorporated county properties. There is no place nearby that fireworks can be used legally. Allowing them to continue selling something that is illegal only encourages people to ignore the county laws.

Bruce Johnson
1602 Locust Way
Lynnwood, WA 98036

From: marvin dawson <marvin_dawson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 5:56 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ban fireworks in Unincorporated areas

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I live in South unincorporated Sno Co. Please do the right thing and stop the sale and usages of fireworks in SNo Co. Marvin and Nancy Dawson 23319 19th Place West Bothell WA 98021 Thank you.

From: larry@ex360.net
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks Sale

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Please stop the sale of fireworks in our area. We live in southwest Snohomish County where it is illegal to set off fireworks so why sell them here?

Larry Gies

From: Mary Hillman <hillmanmar@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please approve and adopt ordinance 23-057 to ban firework sales

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I sincerely hope the council will act to ban the sale of fireworks in the county where they are illegal to use. The current ban on using fireworks has had no effect because they are readily available in the very neighborhoods where their use is illegal. Please correct this misalignment of ordinances by passing the common-sense solution of banning firework sales in unincorporated Snohomish County. Our safety depends on it.

Thank you.

Mary Hillman
22121 Locust Way
Lynnwood, WA 98036

From: Nancy Jang <jangnt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed ban of sale of fireworks in Unincorporated Snohomish County

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Dear Council Members:

It seems totally absurd to allow the sale of fireworks in Unincorporated Snohomish County when it is illegal to discharge them in the same area. Fireworks may be a type of celebration for some people, but it is cause for fear & anxiety for animals, veterans and homeowners. For homeowners, the hazards of wayward explosives, the sparks generated by any of the fireworks can cause fires.

The Sheriff & Fire Departments are not able to monitor all of the violators of the fireworks ban. So, why allow the sale of the fireworks if there is no enforcement of the illegal discharge of them? It makes no sense to us.

Please vote to ban the sale of fireworks. Thanks.

Respectfully,
Nancy & Gary Jang
2502 NE 195th Place
Shoreline, WA 98155

From: alderbrooke@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057 Ban of Fireworks Sale

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Snohomish County Council,

Please ban the sale of fireworks in Snohomish County, where the use of fireworks is already banned.

I was present at the Council meeting when the motion passed to allow the sale of , but not to ban the use of, fireworks. THIS MADE ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE TO ME!! On that day I lost all confidence and respect for the Snohomish County Council.

Peace on earth, ban the sale and use of fireworks in Snohomish County.

Carole Richardson 1602 Locust Way, Lynnwood, Wa.

From: dknrousseau3@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 3:30 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks Sale Ban

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To: Snohomish County Council Members

I support the passage of Ordinance 23-057 to ban the sale of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County. Firework displays are already banned, and the passing of Ordinance 23-057 will complete the ruling.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Debra Jo Rousseau
21714 Locust Way
Lynnwood, WA

From: hilltop.locust@frontier.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks legislation in the Urban Growth Area

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Dear County Council Members,

Please rewrite the fireworks ban in Snohomish County so that fireworks are not allowed to be sold where they are banned from being set off.

Every year around and on the 4th of July, I am traumatized by fireworks. On the 4th of July, I can't go anywhere for fear of my home and 3.5 acres of woods will be set on fire by some of my neighbors who drink and whoop it up with huge illegal fireworks displays. I just have to sit here and endure. It's horrible!

If we have a fire, I'm not sure that I, nor some of my neighbors would be able to get safely out of the blazing woods.

The only help I get from the fire department is their printing up flyers for me to take/walk around to my neighbors. Last year I left 250 flyers on front porches. The Fire Station in my neighborhood has a very small sign banning fireworks that they put out by the road. It is flimsy and folds upon itself and really can't be read. I'm not sure why the fire department is so shy about following through in a meaningful way in support of the fireworks restriction.

The sheriff's department is overwhelmed and isn't able to respond to the many calls for help.

For the past 61 years, I have owned 3.5 acres of forest that is part of a forested ridge-line above Swamp Creek. I have been preserving this property as it is critical to the storing of water runoff that feeds Swamp Creek in the summer. It is inhabited by many variety of birds and small forest animals.

Please redeem yourself and our Urban Growth Area by revising the Fireworks ban legislation to require that fireworks not be sold where it is illegal to set them off. The legislation passed a few years ago by this body was a total sham and has caused more distress among neighbors who thought they had the law on their side. Now we have Churches selling fireworks and little old ladies like me walking flyers from the fire department around neighborhoods begging people to not shoot off fireworks.

It is critical that you help preserve our forests, birds, and stop the traumatization of citizens and their pets.

I also support the research done by Bill Lider about chemicals and fireworks.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Mickie Gundersen
1126 Lawton Road
Lynnwood, Wa 98036-7122
425-218-9847

From: Twiford, Taylor
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Campfield, Lisa
Subject: FW: County Council tables adoption of Ord. 23-057 to halt THE SALE of fireworks in 2024
Attachments: 2023-06-20 SNOCO Planning Committee Lider Public Comments.pdf

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Hi Lisa,

This looks like it went to most of the Committee members but it got sent to me for some reason. Just wanted to make sure you saw it as well in case you needed to do something with it.

Thank you,

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From: bill liderengineering.com <bill@liderengineering.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Mead, Jared <Jared.Mead@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Dunn, Megan <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Peterson, Strom <Strom.Peterson@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Low, Sam <Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Nehring, Nate <nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Twiford, Taylor <Taylor.Twiford@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Cc: Chan, David <dchan@southsnofire.org>; Hynes, Leslie <lhynes@southsnofire.org>; kurlykate888@gmail.com; Linda Gray <lgn899a@gmail.com>; mvfields@me.com; Eric Adman <snokingwatershedcouncil@gmail.com>; Streamkeeper, Tom <Tomm@streamkeeper.org>; 'James Walsh' <jameswalsh@outgun.com>; Nelson Kurt (knelson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov) <knelson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov>; Doris Fulton <fultondl@gmail.com>; Joan Thomas <savebothell@outlook.com>; dennis hill <dennishill229@gmail.com>; Deborah L Wetzel <debbieleewetzel@gmail.com>; Tom Campbell <tomcampbell108@gmail.com>; Joan Smith <joan.a.smith@gmail.com>; Lakey, Kirk A (DFW) <Kirk.Lakey@dfw.wa.gov>; Cat Gustafson <cathgust@hotmail.com>; Rena Connell <connell.rena@gmail.com>
Subject: County Council tables adoption of Ord. 23-057 to halt THE SALE of fireworks in 2024

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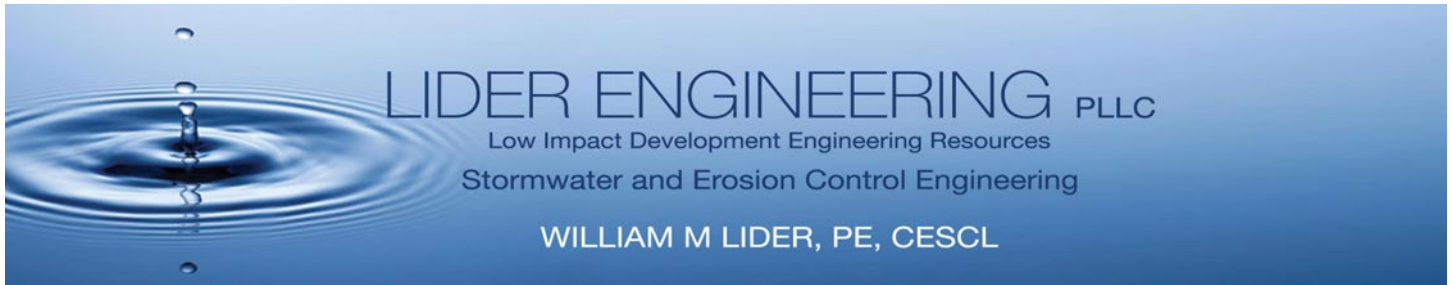
Mr. Countryman is wrong! The Council made a huge mistake tabling Ord. 23-057 as advocated by Mr. Low. I was the person Mr. Countryman referred to who made the public request for fireworks information in 2022. No information was provided because there is no information other than the Sheriff's Department has no records of issuing any fireworks citations in 2022.

There is no need for another hearing or more study to halt the sale of fireworks that are already illegal under County Code. RCW 70.77.250(4) only applies to fireworks use, not fireworks sales. Adopt Ordinance 23-057 effective immediately on June 28, 2023 to take effect on June 28, 2024, not 2025. The Council's action to table ORD. 23-057 will just continue the problem needlessly for another year and is based on the incorrect opinion provided by Mr. Countryman.

There also appears to be some misunderstanding by some of the speakers at the Planning Committee meeting today. All fireworks use is currently banned in most of south County. Ord. 23-057 will only ban the sale of fireworks where their use in areas where they are already banned. No consideration should be given to a modification to the current ban on the use of fireworks. Under no circumstances should the County Council consider reinstating the use of fireworks in the south County UGA.

Attached for your reference are my public comments made today.

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SNOCO Planning Committee Ban on Sale of Fireworks

June 20, 2023

William M. Lider, PE Public Comments

I am pleased to speak in favor of County Ordinance 23-057, that will ban the sale of Fireworks in those areas of Snohomish County where their use is currently banned by County Code.

Last July we saw an unprecedented use of fireworks in the banned areas of unincorporated Snohomish County; 2022 fireworks use was even greater than before the ban was established. Why?

Because the County Code illogically allows the sale, but not the use of fireworks in banned areas. What the heck do you think people are going to do with fireworks after they purchase them? They cannot light them off in State or Federal forests and they are banned in every City in the County. People simply ignore the law and light them off on County streets.

The current code allowing the sale of fireworks is untenable. Allowing the sale, but not the use of fireworks, is like allowing the sale, but not the use of Heroin. There is absolutely no enforcement by the Sheriff's Department on the use of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County; in 2023 the Sherriff's Department gave out zero fireworks citations. Salespeople at the Shock-n-Awe stands know this and even tell customers that the Sheriff's Department does not enforce the ban so feel free to use them.

Besides the obvious safety, fire hazard, PTSD, nuisance noise, air quality, and pet issues, fireworks also pose a threat to our streams from sulfur compounds/heavy metals burned to make the brilliant colors that washes off County roads. A 2009 County report documented an increase from fish harming Perchlorates in our waterbodies after the 4th. Perchlorates are commonly used as an accelerant in fireworks.

County staff are wrong, stating that this ordinance will have no real effect until 2025. Currently County Code 30.53A.716 does not allow the sale of fireworks before noon on June 28th, so this ordinance if adopted before noon, June 28th this year will be in full effect for next year.

Banning the sale of fireworks will go a long way to reducing their illegal use in Snohomish County.

Thank you, Councilman Peterson, for introducing this much needed ordinance.

From: Linda Gray <lgn899a@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Twiford, Taylor; Contact Council
Cc: Deborah L Wetzal; Rena Connell; Cat Gustafson; William Lider
Subject: Please approve Ordinance 23-057, relating to fireworks, amending Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.710
Attachments: Fireworks danger Snohonmish County.docx
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Dear Sirs - please include the attached as my comment for today's hearing at 11 am. Thank you - Linda Gray
206-818-2293

I urge the Snohomish County Planning and Community Development Committee to approve Ordinance 23-057, relating to fireworks, amending Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.710

There is no enforcement by the Sheriff's Department on the use of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County; banning the sale of fireworks will go a long way to stopping the illegal use of fireworks, where banned in Snohomish County.

I also want the Planning Commission to ban fireworks countywide. The SC 2019 fireworks advisory vote was very disingenuous. 52.55% of the County voted to ban fireworks for the entire County. Yet rather than listen to their constituents, the SC Council cherry-picked a few unincorporated areas near large cities to ban with most of District 5 unprotected. Sam Low stated his District did not vote to approve the ban, yet there was no mention the decision would be limited by District when we voted. Why is SC reluctant to ban fireworks completely? King County didn't hesitate. If it's donor money from fireworks sales, give them what they usually make rather than endangering SC citizens with catastrophic fires. It would be far cheaper.

Additionally, limiting the ban's entirety is confusing and leaves the rest of us to suffer a potential wildfire catastrophe. Most of us in District 5 are in the Wildlane Interface Zone and pay \$32/year in additional property tax to assist our local fire districts, which must travel gridlocked highways to get to our 340 homes with just one entrance/exit should fire occur. Climate change is real – my homeowner's insurance sent me a notice confirming my potential for fire danger this year. How long will it be before our insurance companies refuse to renew policies because of this, like in California, Florida, etc.?

With KC's complete ban based on a 100-signature petition, those of us in unincorporated SC District 5 are the main area where it's "legal," meaning those in banned zones will now more than ever come to our location to shoot off their fireworks. I urge the SC Council to reconsider and immediately invoke a complete ban. I know it can only go into effect next year, but the Fire Marshal and Dave Somers can invoke an emergency fireworks ban if we have continued drought.

Thank you – Linda Gray, 206-818-2293,