
From: Blankenship, Melissa <mblankenship@southsnofire.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Peterson, Strom; Dunn, Megan; Nehring, Nate; Mead, Jared; Low, Sam
Subject: South County Fire Letter of support for Firework Sales Ban
Attachments: SCF Ltr to Sno Co Council on Fireworks 5-8-24.pdf

Importance: High

Members of the Snohomish County Council,

Thank you for your attention to our letter of support to amend Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.710. The Board of Fire Commissioners authorized this letter at our regular meeting on 5/7/2024.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

My best,



Melissa Blankenship

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May 8, 2024

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Members of the Snohomish County Council,

We thank you and support the Council's actions to amend Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.710 to implement a firework sales ban within the Southwest Snohomish County Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) where fireworks discharge is banned.

While we've seen progress in reduction of fireworks-related injuries and property loss since the implementation of the ban on fireworks discharge, a ban on sales is also needed to fully realize the law's success. When firework stands are present in our community, it is reasonable for residents to conclude the products being sold there are legal. This mixed message undermines the effectiveness of the ban. It's worth noting that in 2023, half of Snohomish County's 34 fireworks stands were within the banned area.

We've received hundreds of calls, emails and other communications since the initial ban took effect in 2021. One of the biggest complaints is confusion over why fireworks sales are allowed in neighborhoods where use is prohibited. The public expected the ban would include both the sale and discharge of fireworks. Anything less undermines the will of voters who supported a fireworks ban in the 2019 advisory vote: 56% countywide and closer to 60% within South County Fire's jurisdiction.

Many residents have conveyed another distressing impact of fireworks: losing their sense of personal security. We've talked to residents scared to leave their homes on July Fourth, in case of a fire. Others must tranquilize their pets or brace for mental health issues triggered by hours of loud explosions. These impacts can be lessened or avoided by providing what voters clearly said they wanted – a ban on fireworks sales and use.

South County Fire is the largest fire agency in Snohomish County. In addition to protecting lives and property in the SWUGA, we also serve the cities of Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds, and Brier - all of which have banned the sales and discharge of fireworks.

We hope the Council will advance this amendment. By sending a clear public message that fireworks are unlawful, we can further reduce injuries and property loss while restoring the public's sense of security. South County Fire is committed to doing our part to keep our community and first responders safe.

Sincerely,

For and on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners of South County Fire,



Jim Kenny, Chairman of the Board

From: paul pesheck <pepesheck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:33 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks

Long ago we voted to ban the sale of fireworks in our area, and though it passed, it was overturned with no public input. To prove that you are worthy of our support in the future, please PASS ordinance 23-057 to undue the wrong decision. I am a voter in the area and am sick of these destructive fireworks.

Dory Olson

From: paul pesheck <pepesheck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

Please pass Ordinance 23-057. These should have been banned long ago. I am a voter.

Paul Pesheck

From: gabrielle fortuna <frannie123@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:58 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ban fireworks sales.

I wrote last summer about this same thing. I'm appealing to you again to please ban the sales of fireworks.
Thank you,
Gabrielle Fortuna
12818 Alexander rd.
Everett, Wa. 98204

Sent from my iPad

From: Ryan Snook <rsnook@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: I support banning firework sales in Snohomish County

I support ordinance 23-057 to ban the sale of fireworks in banned areas.

Thank you,
Ryan Snook
31 119th St SE
Unit B
Everett, WA 98208

From: Jason Hord <jrhord1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

Please stop allowing the sales of fireworks in banned areas.

Thank you.

From: Kim Meeks <kimmeeks5@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:17 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

I am in support of Ordinance 23-057. Please ban the sale of fireworks.

Kim Meeks

From: Vivian Olson <vivian.olson@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please eliminate the sale of fireworks in places that have banned fireworks use

Dear County Councilmembers,

I can appreciate that some people go to the shore for the Fourth of July holiday and that not all of the fireworks purchased here are shot off here....

But for the small value in commerce retained, we get big confusion in messaging, and more illegal (and dangerous) fireworks use in our built neighborhoods in Snohomish County.

Please ban the sale of fireworks everywhere fireworks use is banned—and let those going away for the holiday buy them elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Vivian Olson

Written as a resident of Edmonds, and not in my official capacity as COE Council President

From: Pat Roche <pat.roche@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

Dear council members,

Please vote YES on Ordinance 23-057 to ban the sale of fireworks in areas where discharge is banned. Our family lives in an area on 12th Ave West bordered by 3.5 acres of wooded property. If it went up in flames it would be like a forest fire that the Snohomish FD would be unlikely to fight effectively.

Thank you Storm Peterson for introducing the bill and for the service of council members.

Sincerely,
Pat Roche

From: DIANA COUTURE <diana.couture@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 12:34 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks Stands

Dear Council Members, Please do not allow fireworks to be sold in unincorporated Snoho County. Here in Alderwood Manor, it becomes a war zone on July 4th, January 1st and any time the Seahawks win big.

It sends a mixed message if people can buy product but not use product in the same area as purchased. Please end this mixed message and give us a quiet night of sanctioned fireworks displays.

Sincerely, Diana Couture
18932 20th PL W
Lynnwood, WA

From: Rui Zheng <zhengrui315@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 9:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Support Ordinance 23-057

To whom it may concern,

This is Rui Zheng, a resident in Alderwood Manor. I am writing to support Ordinance 23-057 which bans the sale of fireworks. Fireworks pose a threat to the safety of our neighborhood, considering all the mountain fires in the mountains every summer. I fully support this Ordinance.

Best,

Rui

From: Jean Clinch <jeanclinch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:03 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks sale ban South Snohomish County

Dear Council Members,
Please vote yes to ban the sale of fireworks in South Snohomish County.
It feels unnecessary to again list the many reasons why this action should be taken.
It is all very obvious to the majority of the residents in this area, just look back to the advisory election that took place.

Thank you for your service!
Regards,
Jean Clinch
20011 Locust Way
Lynnwood

From: Phyllis Coslett <phyllis.coslett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 7:37 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057 - Relating to the Sale of Fireworks in Snohomish County

In our household there are two individuals that supportive of this ordinance which will **NOT** allow the sale of fireworks in areas where they are banned.

Vote Yes to Ordinance 23-057!

Phyllis A. Coslett and Lawrence D. Danforth

From: Dunn, Megan
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 3:48 PM
To: Eco, Debbie
Subject: Fwd: Teach people the effective alternative to an ineffective ban!

Megan Dunn | *Snohomish County Councilmember, District 2*
O: (425) 388-3494 | megan.dunn@snoco.org
Pronouns: she/her/hers

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Katrina Dohn <katrinadohn@gmail.com>
Date: May 13, 2024 at 3:10:39 PM PDT
To: "Peterson, Strom" <Strom.Peterson@co.snohomish.wa.us>, "Dunn, Megan" <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>, "Mead, Jared" <Jared.Mead@co.snohomish.wa.us>, "Low, Sam" <Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us>, "Nehring, Nate" <nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Subject: **Teach people the effective alternative to an ineffective ban!**



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Please teach people about the alternative to a fireworks ban!

What people want when they ask for a ban is increased peace and safety. They advocate for a ban because it is the only course of action that most know about.

Please be the ones who show people that there is a far more effective route to the goal that they are speaking out for. They can't advocate for it themselves because they don't know about it. **Be the leaders that show them the way to what they are requesting!**

A FIREWORKS BAN brings about the OPPOSITE of what people are asking for. It brings about an INCREASE in fireworks problems. Data has shown this over and over. (Check out the stories after the ban in Eugene, OR last year.)

A MODIFIED FIREWORKS BAN is the only option that has data showing that it DOES bring about what people want - increased peace and safety. Communities who implement a Modified Fireworks Ban see a DECREASE in fireworks problems. (Reference the report from Tukwila in 2022)

Will you please be the voice of what people want by showing them a course that they don't know? It is not too late to avoid going down the negative route of a ban. Please show your people that you are listening to their needs, and being the leaders that introduce them to a research-based solution that they are unaware of. YOU can help guide people to true success in the area they are advocating for!

VOTE NO on the Fireworks Ban this Wednesday, and tell people that you are going to give them a more effective option to reach their goals!!

From: Dunn, Megan
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 12:30 PM
To: Eco, Debbie
Subject: FW: I am opposed to your vote to ban fireworks in unincorporated areas called the Urban Growth Area (UGA)

Megan Dunn | *Snohomish County Councilmember, District 2*

O: (425) 388-3494 | megan.dunn@snoco.org

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From: David Freeburg <davidjfreeburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Nehring, Nate <nate.nehring@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Dunn, Megan <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Peterson, Strom <Strom.Peterson@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Mead, Jared <Jared.Mead@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Low, Sam <Sam.Low@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Subject: I am opposed to your vote to ban fireworks in unincorporated areas called the Urban Growth Area (UGA)



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Dear Snohomish County Council,

I am reaching out this morning as it has been brought to my attention that you are considering a ban on fireworks in unincorporated areas called the Urban Growth Area (UGA).

As a long time resident of Snohomish County and consumer of fireworks, If fireworks become expressly prohibited for sale, possession and discharge within Snohomish County, it will still be possible for those citizens of Snohomish County who have “traditionally celebrated the birth of our nation with the discharge of fireworks” to continue this tradition. The difference however, is these citizens may now elect to purchase fireworks from the federally governed tribal neighbors which sell fireworks not meeting the “safe and sane” standard currently upheld by those retailers selling fireworks within Snohomish County. In addition, the thousands of dollars raised every year in tax revenues for Snohomish County by the sale of fireworks, would be distributed to neighboring federal lands and counties (Not to mention the local non-profit organizations that operate local retail operations would lose out on their longstanding annual fundraisers).

In lieu of banning fireworks and avoiding a real solution to the problems and concerns of those citizens who have appealed to the council to ban the use of fireworks in order to “provide them with firework safety protection,” I propose we educate those citizens of Snohomish County who traditionally discharge fireworks, in the proper discharge and safety precautions required to protect all citizens of Snohomish County. After focusing on safety in the construction industry for multiple years in Olympia, it is very clear, the answer is not to remove privileges from the citizens and hope the

concerns will resolve with time, but as seen in the construction industry over the past several decades, we need to address the issues head on with education.

I would be more than willing to volunteer and lead a committee focused on the education of the citizens of Snohomish County in the proper discharge and safety considerations when celebrating the birth of our nation. A few ideas for example include classes held several times each day during the operation of retail fireworks locations within Snohomish County which will permit and certify those citizens who would like to continue their tradition. This would allow only those willing to be educated to purchase common fireworks, providing real safety protection for all citizens of Snohomish County.

Please consider what is really needed for a remedy to the concerns of those citizens which have already appealed to the council for the ban of fireworks. Traditions still exist just like construction as a result of education and certification. Your time and consideration is very much appreciated in advance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

Dave Freeburg
206-234-9283

From: Gerrit Hansen <hansenarlingtoncircuitcourt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Proposed ordinance 23-057

Dear County Council,

I favor designating safe sites for people to come light off fireworks on July 4th and New Year's Day over banning the sale. I do not agree with banning the sale. Designated safe sights should be far from green belts, and can have rules and admission requirements, especially about safe operation and clean up.

Thank you for your attention,

Gerrit Hansen
20419 Crawford Rd
Lynnwood, WA 98036

From: (null) shans.mail <shans.mail@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:33 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Banning Fireworks Sales

Good Evening...

I want my opinion to be heard about the sales of fireworks in Unincorporated South Snohomish County. I think it's absurd & doesn't make any sense to sell products in an area they can't be used. It's confusing & increases the use of those fireworks in our neighborhoods. It's not only dangerous for humans, animals & property but it's loud, disruptive & makes huge messes that no one cleans up. Stop selling it here.

Thank you!!

Shannon Jenkins.
Sent from Shannon's iPhone

From: Michael Kennedy <michaelk4me@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Mickie Gundersen
Subject: Support Ordinance 23-057

I support Ordinance 23-057.

Sent from Michael Kennedy
20411 11th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036-8692

From: bill liderengineering.com <bill@liderengineering.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 12:36 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Dunn, Megan; Mead, Jared; Peterson, Strom
Subject: May 15 2024, 10:30 am Hearing on Fireworks Ord. 23-057
Attachments: May 2024 South County Fire Siren Newsletter.pdf

In advance of my testimony at the May 15 hearing on Ord. 23-057, I am requesting that the attached clip from the most current edition of the *South County SIREN*, publication by the South County Fire EMS showing a suspected fire caused by fireworks on July 4, 2023 in Edmonds.

Please confirm back to me if the Council is agreeable to allowing this attachment posted on the monitor while I speak.

William (Bill) Lider, PE, CESCL
Lider Engineering, PLLC
2526 – 205th Place SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-776-0671 Office
206-661-0787 Cell

Your fireworks questions answered

What are the rules where I live?

It is illegal to discharge fireworks in: Bothell, Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodway and unincorporated Southwest Snohomish County. Violators face hefty fines at a minimum.

Why do I still see fireworks stands if discharging them is illegal?

Cities in our service area ban the sale AND the use of fireworks.

It's a different story in the unincorporated areas of southwest Snohomish County where a county ordinance bans fireworks use, but still allows sales June 28 through July 5 of each year.

Banning fireworks sales in any unincorporated area in Snohomish County would require action by the Snohomish County Council. The County Council can be contacted by email at contact.council@snoco.org or by calling 425-388-3494.



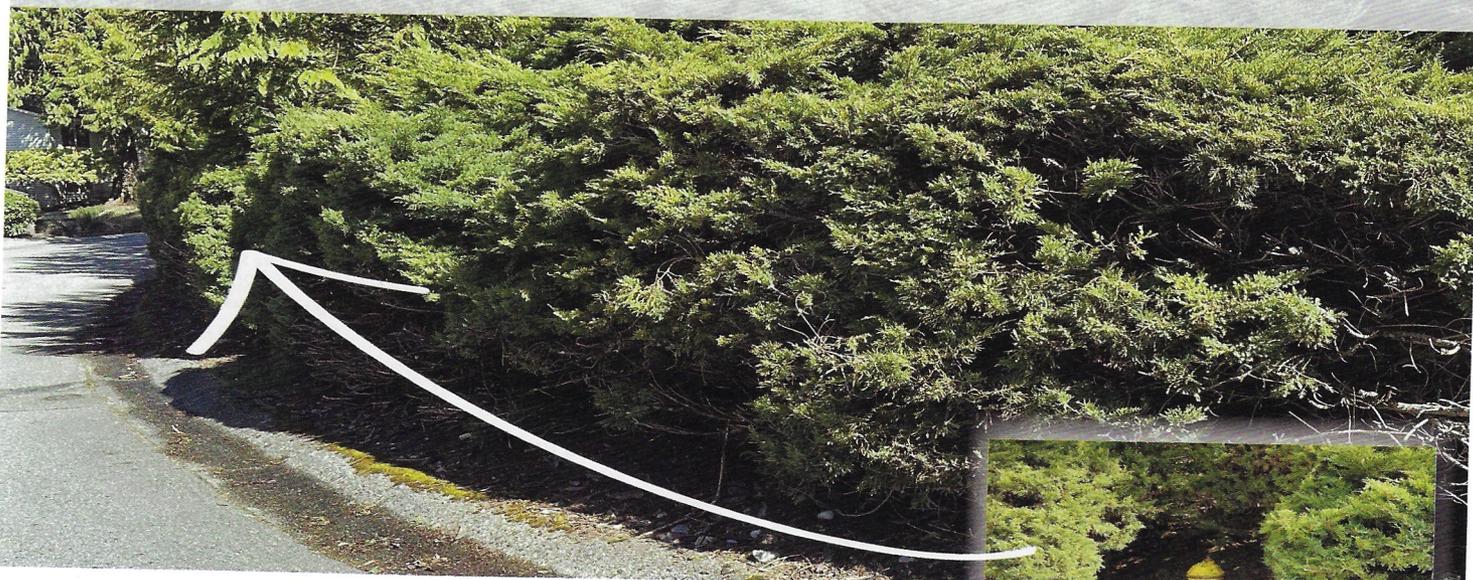
Fireworks likely played a role in this July 4, 2023, fire in Edmonds. Firefighters stopped flames from spreading into the home.

How do I report illegal fireworks?

- Call Snohomish County 911's non-emergency line, 425-407-3999, for noise or illegal fireworks complaints with no threat to life or property.
- Call 911 for all emergencies.

Find more information on fireworks at www.southsnofire.org/fireworks.

Can you spot the fire hydrant in this picture?



If firefighters are unable to quickly find a hydrant near your home, response to a fire could be delayed. During your spring yard cleanup, clear vegetation from around any hydrant on your property. Check from different angles to ensure the hydrant can be easily spotted from the road. **It could save your life or your home.**

From: Chris Lindberg <clindberg9568@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:10 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

Hello,

We are residents of the Hilltop community and are sending this message to STRONGLY urge you to approve Ordinance 23-057 in your upcoming vote.

July 4th has turned out neighborhood into a war zone. The last 2 years I've spent hours on July 5th cleaning up debris including embers from my yard and laying all over our cars in our driveway. It's only a matter of time before property damage and/or fires become a reality.

Please vote yes to approve the ban!

Chris and Kelly Lindberg
1012 204th Pl SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036
206-550-149

From: Eck <4r36ykrl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 3:13 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance23-057

I am writing in support of passing the Ordinance 23-057 relating to the sale of fireworks in Snohomish County specifically in the Southwest Urban Growth Area.

Currently, the county banned the discharge of fireworks, however, the sale of fireworks in the same area is allowed. Because of this firework sale allowance, fireworks continued to be discharge creating potential fire hazards in the neighborhood, harmful debris and noise/air pollutions.

Please vote to pass the Ordinance 23-05 and codified the ban of the sale of fireworks in the Southwest Urban Growth Area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,
Eddie Shih
Hilltop-Damson Community
4r36ykrl@gmail.com

From: Nithya <nithyasiva310@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:05 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: support of Ordinance 23-057

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Ordinance 23-057 which will not allow the sale of fireworks in areas where they are banned. I live at 20304 11th Ave W Lynnwood WA 98036. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Nithya Siva
425-931-5550

From: David Stratton <davidmartinstratton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 6:18 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Ordinance 23-057

I would like to express my support for Ordinance 23-057. It is nonsensical that we have notices on the road about fireworks being illegal to use, and next to them are advertisements for the sale of those same illegal fireworks. This should be fixed.

David M Stratton
20411 11th Ave W
Lynnwood WA 98036

From: Benjamin Watterson <benjamin.watterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:26 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fireworks

I'm a resident of unincorporated Lynnwood emailing to voice my support of ordinance 23-057 to stop the sale of fireworks where it is illegal to set them off.

From: Cynthia Jones <cynthiaj42258@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: vote yes on 23-057

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask you to please vote yes on ordinance 23-057, to end the sale of fireworks where they are prohibited.

It is very confusing to be able to purchase fireworks in an area where their use is banned. Almost 60% of voters voted to ban fireworks in our area in 2019; there is strong support for the fireworks ban.

Thank you for voting yes on ordinance 23-057, which will end confusion, ensure coherence in the regulations, and further support the fireworks ban.

Sincerely,
Cynthia T Jones
6311 146th St. SW
Edmonds

From: D Jones <djoneswa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 7:56 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: 23-057

Please vote yes on ordinance 23-057 to end the sale of fireworks where they are prohibited.

We have neighbors with PTSD, and we previously voted to ban fireworks.

Thank you for following the requests of the voters.

David Jones
Edmonds, WA

From: Linda Gray <lgn899a@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:11 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Yes on Ord 23-057

Dear Councilmembers - Please vote yes on ordinance 23-057 to end the sale of fireworks where they are prohibited.
Thank you - Linda Gray

From: hilltop.locust@frontier.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 7:43 AM
Subject: End fireworks where they are prohibited from being set off!

PLEASE HELP

TO END THE SALE OF FIREWORKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, today, **May 14th** send a one liner to the Snohomish County Council at: contact.council@snoco.org

You could say: Please vote yes on ordinance 23-057 to end the sale of fireworks where they are prohibited. mg The Council will be voting tomorrow 5-15 at 10:30 AM. If this sounds crazy to you, read on.

Dear Neighbor:

In November 2019, Snohomish County held an advisory election on whether or not to ban fireworks in South Snohomish County. Our area voted over 59% to ban fireworks. Not long after the vote, I attended a hearing in which the then Council president changed the document to continue to allow fireworks to be sold. The law we voted on was changed at the last minute. Public testimony had been closed, so there was nothing that we could do about it. We have been living with this nonsensical law for five years.

Recently, Strom Peterson, District 3 Council Member, introduced the needed code change to eliminate the sale of fireworks in areas where they are banned. The County Council will vote on this change May 15.

The following two paragraphs from Council Member Megan Dunn explain the proposed change:

Council is re-considering [Ordinance 23-057](#) relating to the sale of fireworks in Snohomish County. Currently, the county has banned the discharge of fireworks in the Southwest Urban Growth Area, however the sale of fireworks in this same area is allowed. This Ordinance would amend our county code to also prohibit the sale of fireworks in any “no fireworks area” of the county.

I’m supportive of this policy change as it will bring parity to this issue and reduce confusion in the community about the sale and use of fireworks. [This Ordinance](#) was recently discussed in our council’s Planning and Community Development Committee and will be heard and voted on at an upcoming Public Hearing Meeting – assigned for May 15 at 10:30am. If you would like to provide further public comment, I encourage you to attend the Public Hearing Meeting either in-person or remotely, or email your comments to contact.council@snoco.org

Please email the County Council at contact.council@snoco.org in support of Ordinance 23-057, which will not allow the sale of fireworks in areas where they are banned. We need your support. Let's bring common sense back to our system of laws.

Let's work together for the safety of our communities. Thank you.

Mickie Gundersen

President

Hilltop-Locust Community Group

hilltop.locust@frontier.com

Please help by sending this notice out to as many people as you can.

From: hilltop.locust@frontier.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:20 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Fw: End the sale of fireworks!

This was sent to me by mistake. I'm guessing it is from one of the flyers I took around my neighborhood. If I knew this person, I would explain what to do. I hope you count this. It is legitimate.

Thank you.

Mickie Gundersen

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From: Jessica Engstrom <jgengstrom1008@gmail.com>
To: "hilltop.locust@frontier.com" <hilltop.locust@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024, 08:08:33 PM PDT
Subject: End the sale of fireworks!

To whom it may concern,

Please assist to discontinue the sale of fireworks in my neighborhood.

Thank you,
Jessica Engstrom

From: Zsofia Pasztor <zs.pasztor2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Mickie Gundersen
Subject: Fireworks sales in SW Sno Co Urban Growth Area

Good morning Snohomish County Council Members -

While I support sales and use of fireworks in the rural areas of our county where it is still a legal activity, further from people and property, I do also support banning such within the Urban Growth Areas where density makes this a dangerous and high risk activity.

Council is re-considering [Ordinance 23-057](#) relating to the sale of fireworks in Snohomish County. Currently, the county has banned the discharge of fireworks in the Southwest Urban Growth Area, however the sale of fireworks in this same area is allowed. This Ordinance would amend our county code to also prohibit the sale of fireworks in any "no fireworks area" of the county.

I'm supportive of this policy change as it will bring parity to this issue and reduce confusion in the Southwest Snohomish County Urban Growth Area community about the sale and use of fireworks. [This Ordinance](#) was recently discussed in our council's Planning and Community Development Committee and will be heard and voted on at an upcoming Public Hearing Meeting – assigned for May 15 at 10:30am.

Zsofia Pasztor CPH, EPC

Pronounced: Zsho-fi-a Pas-tor

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Arborist

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Certified Permaculture Designer

Certified LID Consultant & Designer

Certified Commercial Urban Agriculturist

Author: *Rain Gardens for the Pacific Northwest*

TEDx Presenter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcNP1NYbDnQ>

(425)-210-5541

*"We are the ones we've been waiting for"
The Elders, Hopi Nation, Oraibi Arizona*

From: Tina Stewart <tstewart@nsuch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:10 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Please bring clarity to laws about fireworks

Please vote yes on ordinance 23-057 to end the sale of fireworks where they are prohibited.

Tina Stewart