



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2023-0614  
**Proposal:** Ordinance 23-057      **Date:** June 20, 2023

### **Consideration**

Proposed Ordinance 23-057 would amend Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.53A.710, to prohibit sales of fireworks in “no fireworks areas” where use of fireworks is prohibited.

### **Background and Analysis**

On December 4, 2019, Snohomish County Council adopted Ordinance 19-037 which prohibited the discharge of fireworks in the unincorporated part of the SWUGA by creating a “no fireworks area” in the SWUGA ([SCC 30.53A.726](#)). Despite this ban on use, county code does not currently provide a corresponding ban on sales.

Ordinance 23-057, sponsored by Councilmember Peterson, would amend [SCC 30.53A.710](#) (sales locations) to prohibit sales of fireworks in no fireworks areas. As proposed in this ordinance, if the county were to identify more no fireworks areas in .726, then the amendments proposed in .710 would automatically prohibit sales in those areas too.

Ordinance 23-057 does not require input by the Planning Commission. Chapter 30.53A (Fire Code) is exempt from review and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

[RCW 70.77.250\(4\)](#) could impact the effective date of Ordinance 23-057. This statute reads, in part, that any “ordinances adopted by a county or city that are more restrictive than state law shall have an effective date no sooner than one year after their adoption.” Because [RCW 70.77.111](#) recognizes that fireworks purchased and used in compliance with state law are legal, arguably the proposed restriction on sale being considered would be subject to this one-year effective date. This means that if the Council opts to implement the ban but does not do so until after this Fourth of July then the ban could have no real effect until the summer of 2025.

**Current Proposal**

*Scope and Summary:* Ordinance 23-057 would amend SCC 30.53A.710 to prohibit sales of fireworks in “no fireworks areas”, which is currently the unincorporated SWUGA.

*Fiscal Implications:* None

**Handling:** Normal

**Approved-as-to-form:** Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** TBD

**Request:** Move to General Legislative Session on June 28 to set time and date for a public hearing.