



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Safe and Sane Fireworks – Use for Special Occasion and Increased Community Accountability

Date: September 26, 2023

Submitted By: Aly Zimmermann, City Manager

Department: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

Introduce, Waive the Full Reading and Read by Title Only an Ordinance of the City Council of Rocklin Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Rocklin Municipal Code, Fireworks, to Modify the Prohibitions against the use of Fireworks to Allow for Exceptions for Special Occasions and to add Host Liability for Fireworks Ordinance Violations.

Background:

Staff are proposing an amendment to the Rocklin Municipal Code Chapter 8.24, section 110 Discharging fireworks, to allow for the discharge of safe and sane fireworks for special occasions. To implement, staff intends to utilize the existing Residential Street Closure (block party) permit. Those interested in discharging fireworks would need to submit an application with the City of Rocklin providing information about the dates and times of the event. The application would then be reviewed by the City Manager with advice of the Fire Chief and the use of safe and sane fireworks would be approved or denied as appropriate.

In order to create more accountability for the unauthorized discharge of fireworks within the City, staff are also proposing adding section 160, Host Liability, to Chapter 8.24. Any person who hosts an event in which unlawful fireworks are discharged would be strictly liable for the use of fireworks in violation of Chapter 8.24. Those liable shall be subject to administrative citations and fines. The unlawful discharge of fireworks creates a nuisance and has the potential to impact the safety of the public. The intent of the citation and fine is to discourage the unlawful use of fireworks and to ensure that those who wish to discharge safe and sane fireworks undergo the appropriate permit approval process.

Environmental Analysis:

The proposed action is not a project under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, and as such is exempt from environmental review.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Ordinance](#)