

From: gatherrateasha47@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:48:25 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

It is my understanding that the Portland City Commissioners are considering a ban on our community's ability to use State Approved Ground Based Fountains and Sparklers permanently.

I am opposed to this!

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Sincerely,

Ra Teasha Gaither
Portland, OR
gatherrateasha47@yahoo.com

From: dputzolu@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:04:22 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

David Putzolu
Hillsboro, OR
dputzolu@gmail.com

From: tomscott@scott-investments.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:16:38 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Tom Scott
Canby, OR
tomscott@scott-investments.com

From: msv@canby.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:31:39 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Shelley Vissers
Canby, OR
msv@canby.com

From: kggalitz@canby.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:33:09 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Keith Galitz
Canby, OR
kggalitz@canby.com

From: godrulz777pdx@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:34:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Alexander Watson
Gresham, OR
godrulz777pdx@yahoo.com

From: stephaniemetzner@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:36:30 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Metzner
Hillsboro, OR
stephaniemetzner@yahoo.com

From: jakescott01010@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Sincerely,

Jake Scott
Canby, OR
jakescott01010@gmail.com

From: markbigej@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Sincerely,

Mark Bigej
Sherwood, OR
markbigej@gmail.com

From: awsc1965@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Wayne Scott
Canby, OR
awsc1965@gmail.com

From: marlenrscott47@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Sincerely,

Marlene Scott
Canby, OR
marlenrscott47@gmail.com

From: 472668@bsd48.org
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:00:09 PM

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Sincerely,

Tanay Jain
Beaverton, OR
472668@bsd48.org

From: wheelhead9@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:07:09 PM

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Sincerely,

Joe Wheeler
Bend, OR
wheelhead9@gmail.com

From: mailman5722000@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:15:02 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Adam Brophy
Gresham, OR
mailman5722000@yahoo.com

From: paynem78@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:22:41 PM

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Sincerely,

Martha Payne
Portland, OR
paynem78@yahoo.com

From: equestrian_colt@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 4:10:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Patrick Snell
Molalla, OR
equestrian_colt@yahoo.com

From: jeffterill@canby.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 4:21:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Jeff Terrill
Portland, OR
jeffterill@canby.com

From: [Kraig Rucker](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fireworks
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:02:30 PM

Hello,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to voice my concern about the reported desire to ban the same and use of fireworks in our city. Fireworks are an important part of our family's and our nation's traditions and it would be a great loss if we could no longer celebrate with fireworks. I also feel that to ban their sale would only promote people buying the illegal ones from Washington and using them here, making our community less, not more, safe. Additionally, firework sales are a key fundraiser for schools, churches and other civic organizations, and it would be a major blow to them to lose the opportunity to raise funds.

For these reasons I urge you to keep fireworks legal to purchase and use.

Thank you for your time,
Kraig Rucker

From: femalejawbreaker@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:35:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Heather Arthur
Hillsboro, OR
femalejawbreaker@yahoo.com

From: rogerr@camby.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:40:05 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Roger Reif
Canby, OR
rogerr@camby.com

From: lscott.0821@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Luke Scott
Corvallis, OR
lscott.0821@gmail.com

From: 395636@bsd48.org
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 6:02:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Jacob Horton
Portland, OR
395636@bsd48.org

From: perujungleboy47@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 7:10:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Howard Butz
Rainier, OR
perujungleboy47@gmail.com

From: troutj@tntfireworks.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:05:58 PM

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troutj@tntfireworks.com

From: chezbargens@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:17:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Gery Bargaen
Portland, OR
chezbargens@yahoo.com

From: trainwreckaimee@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 10:17:00 PM

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Aimee Van Houten
Portland, OR
trainwreckaimee@gmail.com

From: ballestremaudrey@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:50:37 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Audreyana Ballestrem
Portland, OR
ballestremaudrey@gmail.com

From: farmernathaniel@hotmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 6:15:30 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Nathaniel Siri
Oregon City, OR
farmernathaniel@hotmail.com

From: dayton13@hotmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:22:39 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Daniel Herrera
Corbett, OR
dayton13@hotmail.com

From: jayroo12@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:01:56 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

B K
Salem, OR
jayroo12@yahoo.com

From: walker.john45@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:45:47 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

John Walker
Canby, OR
walker.john45@yahoo.com

From: bwjunk2@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:05:25 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Cathleen Benedetti White
Beaverton, OR
bwjunk2@gmail.com

From: k.r.neupert@comcast.net
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 5:57:09 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Kevin Neupert
Portland, OR
k.r.neupert@comcast.net

From: janetteacun@hotmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:02:18 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

It is my understanding that the Portland City Commissioners are considering a ban on our community's ability to use State Approved Ground Based Fountains and Sparklers permanently.

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Sincerely,

Janette Acuna
Gresham, OR
janetteacun@hotmail.com

From: bb8084@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 11:52:54 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

It is my understanding that the Portland City Commissioners are considering a ban on our community's ability to use State Approved Ground Based Fountains and Sparklers permanently.

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Sincerely,

Christine Hamilton
Portland, OR
bb8084@yahoo.com

From: o.kuntz@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:38:20 PM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Olivia Kuntz
Portland, OR
o.kuntz@yahoo.com

From: [Wes Bailey](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Opposed to Firework ban
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:47:11 PM

Dear Mayor Wheeler,

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From: nmoser66@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 5:52:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Nicole Moser
Portland, OR
nmoser66@gmail.com

From: cestin970@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:02:29 AM

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Sincerely,

Charlie Stinson
Canby, OR
cestin970@gmail.com

From: [Timothy Porter](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: PLEASE NO BAN ON FIREWORKS
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 4:11:36 PM

I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO CARE ABOUT MY SITUATION. MY NAME IS TIM AND I HAVE BEEN RUNNING A FIREWORKS STAND WITH MY DAUGHTER FOR GOING ON 8 YEARS NOW. IT IS AWESOME MY DAUGHTER TAKES THE TIME TO HANG OUT FOR THE WEEK RUNNING THE FIREWORKS STAND WITH ME. I AM ON DISABILITY I HAVE HAD FOUR SURGERIES ON MY NECK NOW BECAUSE OF A YOUNG BOY WITH NO LICENSE OR INSURANCE HIT MY CAR. THIS FIREWORKS STAND WITH HELP FROM MY DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW SUPPLEMENTS MY INCOME AND REALLY HELPS.

From: jackmeyer4449@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 4:51:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Jack Meyer
Lake Oswego, OR
jackmeyer4449@gmail.com

From: jefandrsn8@aol.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:12:51 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Jeff Anderson
Portland, OR
jefandrsn8@aol.com

From: [Cindy Anderson](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fireworks 2022
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:53:06 AM

Hi I am Cindy Anderson with Big Bang Fireworks we have been doing a fireworks tent in mall205 plaza in Portland for 27 years. Last year was an extremely hot year. Record temperatures for the first time in many years . I understood the need to postpone setting off the fireworks, but the problem was banning the sales, not only did it hurt the vendors for nonprofit as we lost revenue this did not help in any way to keep the people from going outside city limits to get there fireworks for the Portland area as you could go down 5 minutes from my stand and by fireworks in happyvally Clackamas. We have been celebrating Independence Day with safe and sane fireworks for many years now. I understand you have many issues every year with illegal fireworks brought over in our state and this is really the area that needs addressed The only major fire was the Fire up Multnomah falls which was devastating, and was caused by an illegal firework and set off in sept 2 the. Dryist part of the year . We should work together in coming up with real solutions for the problem like only allowing the July1-5 to set them off . Doing more to insuring illegal fireworks are not brought into the state.

From: sweepsmike@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:59:05 AM

Dear City Clerk ,

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Sincerely,

Michael Foster
Sherwood, OR
sweepsmike@gmail.com

From: [Brent Pavlicek](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Portland Fireworks Ban
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:11:15 AM

Dear Mayor Ted Wheeler, Commissioner Carmen Rubio, Commissioner Dan Ryan, Commissioner Mingus Mapps, and Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty.

Re: Agenda Item #122 Ban Sale and Use of personal consumer fireworks.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter as a written public comment on Agenda Item #122 related to an ordinance to ban personal and consumer fireworks in the City of Portland. My name is Brent Pavlicek, and I am the General Manager of Western Fireworks, Inc., an Oregon State Licensed wholesale distributor and importer of fireworks. Our company is strongly opposed to the proposed ordinance.

Our industry first learned of this proposal this month, when in the normal course of business, we approached the City about annual retail sales permits for 2022. There has been no opportunity or outreach to collaborate with the industry, community-based organizations and small businesses that rely on fireworks sales. As one of the stakeholders dramatically affected by this proposal, we believe our input and perspective would have been helpful in developing the ordinance. As presently drafted, we believe that this proposal will further hurt small businesses, community-based organizations and non-profits that have already been devastated in the previous two years. At the same time, we do not believe that the proposed ordinance will increase safety outcomes. Rather, it could produce worse outcomes from a health and safety perspective. Our plea is that you would slow down this process, engage the stakeholders and pursue a balanced proposal.

The City's proposed ban does not eliminate the "problems and complaints" most often associated with fireworks. The complaints are not from legal Oregon fireworks which are defined by Oregon law as "**(a) A cone fountain, a cylindrical fountain, a flitter sparkler, a ground spinner, an illuminating torch or a wheel, or a combination of two or more of those items**" (ORS 480.111) that crackle, emit sparks and whistle. The complaints most agencies receive are from illegal fireworks that are not allowed for sale or use in Oregon that have loud reports and aerial effects. This ban focuses on the wrong fireworks.

A very large portion of Portlanders regularly enjoy the use of Oregon approved consumer grade fireworks, one time a year, to celebrate on the Fourth of July. Outlawing the use of Oregon approved consumer fireworks will lead to significant diversion to illegal fireworks obtained from Vancouver or nearby tribal lands. Increased use of illegal fireworks will further drain on emergency response and the ability to enforce this new ban likely creates an impossible enforcement scenario for police and fire personnel. Formerly legal fireworks in the City of Portland will still be very legal for purchase once a person crosses over City limits into a neighboring Oregon jurisdiction. Indeed, it is entirely conceivable that more complaints, fire and injury are a result of the ban as proposed than without it.

This ineffective health and safety measure comes at great cost. Western Fireworks secures property leases, service contracts, tent rentals, insurance, and permits months if not years in advance. Our partners, non-profits, small businesses, and community-based organizations rely on sales for fundraising and revenue. These organizations and businesses are important for Portland. They have full, part-time, and seasonal employees, they provide social and civic services to our youth and strive to make Portland a better community. This ordinance puts them at risk.

We respectfully request that you reconsider this proposed ban. Instead, we ask that you collaborate

with Western and other members of the fireworks industry, consumers, and non-profit partners to help us address concerns and craft meaningful and effective solutions. We understand that drought and climate disruption require more vigilance, that fireworks-use patterns change, and that the Fourth of July puts a strain on our public safety resources. This is all-the-more reason for an ongoing dialogue, stakeholder process and workgroup. We believe education and partnership with local governments enhances safety, protects consumers and enables social and civic organizations. Let's work together to find a solution rather than a rushed ban.

Sincerely,

Brent Pavlicek

General Manager

Western Fireworks

Phone: 503-678-2378

Fax: 503-678-1419

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From: i8urmp3@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:15:23 AM

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Sincerely,

Jason Adams
Hillsboro, OR
i8urmp3@gmail.com

From: mistychatterley@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:17:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Misty Chatterley
Portland , OR
mistychatterley@gmail.com

From: pinpine77@outlook.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:26:10 AM

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Sincerely,

Nyssa Rodgers
Molalla, OR
pinpine77@outlook.com

From: tiffanyraerucker@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:37:44 AM

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Rucker
Troutdale, OR
tiffanyraerucker@gmail.com

From: kristina789@icloud.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
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Sincerely,

Kristina Schafer
Oregon City, OR
kristina789@icloud.com

From: [Jason Trout](#)
To: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office Clerk General](#); [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: [User Approved] Impact Statement to amend Code Subsection 31.40.070A
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:04:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[Commissioners Letter.pdf](#)

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help. Thank you for your time. See attached

Jason Trout

Regional Manager

American Promotional Events Inc
dba TNT FIREWORKS
O:503-653-9655
O:253-922-0800
C:503-545-7948



TNTFIREWORKS.COM



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February 21, 2022

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Re: Impact Statement to amend Code Subsection 31.40.070A

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners,

My name is Jason Trout and I am the Regional Manager of TNT FIREWORKS in Oregon. TNT FIREWORKS is the largest wholesaler of ground-based sparklers in the city of Portland. TNT also represent over 40 nonprofit groups that use the sale of sparklers and ground based devices as fundraisers to send kids to camp, support baseball, football, and basketball leagues as well as Optimist Clubs, Moose Lodge, and local high schools.

I am writing in response to Fire Marshal Schimel's proposal to change the code to ban the sale and use of State Approved sparklers and ground based fountains within the city limits of Portland. The State of Oregon (ORS 480.111) defines consumer fireworks as follows:

(2)“Consumer fireworks” means:

(a)A cone fountain, a cylindrical fountain, a flitter sparkler, a ground spinner, an illuminating torch or a wheel, or a combination of two or more of those items.

The impact report states “each year, illegal fireworks are responsible for countless injuries, enormous property loss, and needless environmental pollution both air and noise.” TNT FIREWORKS agrees whole heartedly with the impact statement. Illegal fireworks cause the majority of injuries, property loss, and pollution in Portland. Sparklers and ground based fountains are not the cause and shouldn't be banned. **Bans do not work and are unenforceable.** A ban on legal sparklers and ground based fountains would simply shift the desire of the public to celebrate the 4th of July to go across the border into Washington and bring back illegal fireworks. Tragically, Portland had a fire this past summer that took the lives of 3 individuals on the night of the 4th of July. Mayor Wheeler signed a proclamation that banned the purchase and use of legal fireworks 6 days earlier due to unusually hot temperatures and yet citizens of Portland still wanted to celebrate and did in fact cross over the border, purchased fireworks and returned to Portland to enjoy their July 4th celebration.

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Further, the impact statement also cites several fire “statistics.” However, there is no reference as to what the source is of these “statistics”. According to the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s office 129 fires were the result of fireworks state wide.

Fire Causes

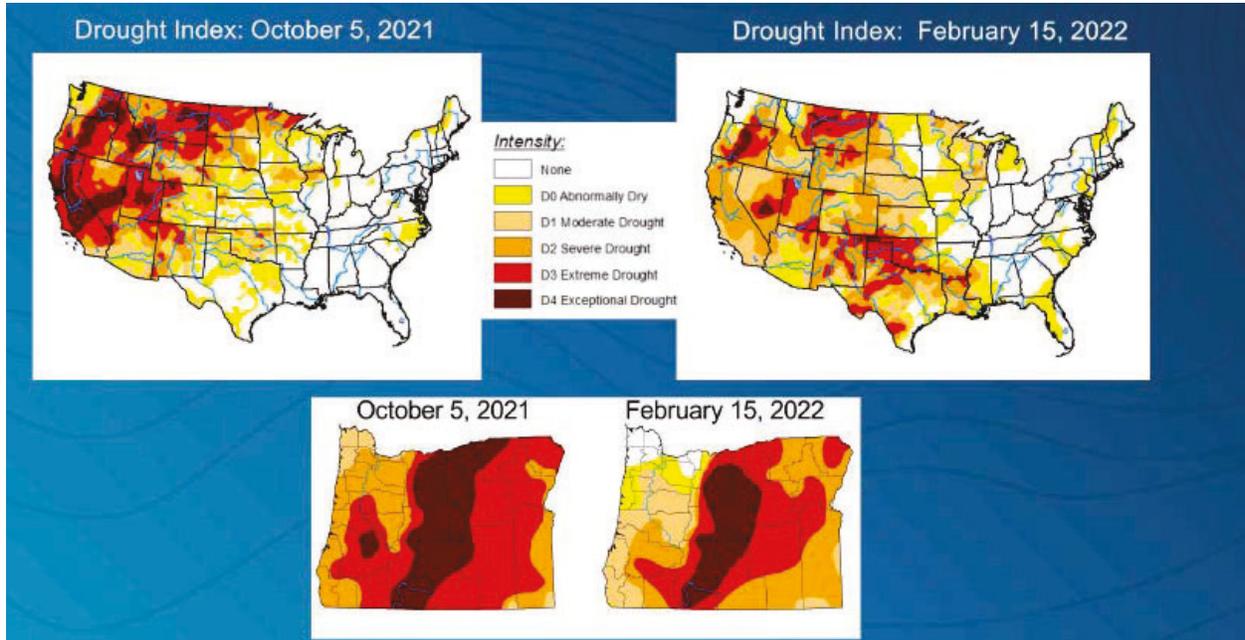
Causal information is based upon the hierarchy methodology used by the U.S. Fire Administration to identify fire causes from specific categories using NFIRS data. The following chart displays the overall causes of all fire types for Oregon in 2020.

Causes of Fires in 2019	Fires	%
Intentional	2,223	14.8%
Other Unintentional	1,480	9.8%
Smoking	1,448	9.6%
Cooking	700	4.7%
Under Investigation	629	4.2%
Unclassified Equipment Unknown Fuel	622	4.1%
Heating	564	3.8%
Ember/Rekindle	562	3.7%
Other Hot Object	529	3.5%
Trash/Rubbish	441	2.9%
Natural	433	2.9%
Unclassified Electrical Malfunction	423	2.8%
Other Open Flame/Spark	323	2.1%
Electrical Distribution	262	1.7%
Appliances	192	1.3%
Equipment Failure/Malfunction	144	1.0%
Matches/Candles	141	0.9%
Fireworks	129	0.9%
Special Equipment	103	0.7%
Friction/Hot Material	103	0.7%
Vehicle Engine	95	0.6%
Children & Other Playing	88	0.6%
Unclassified Fuel Powered Equipment	59	0.4%
Air Conditioning	58	0.4%
Torches	53	0.4%

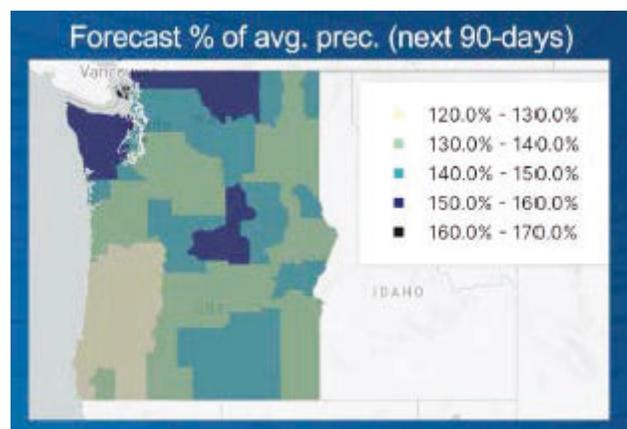
The report does not differentiate between ground-based sparklers and illegal fireworks, but as the impact statement suggests, Illegal fireworks are the main culprit behind fires attributed to fireworks in the state of Oregon.

Climate is becoming increasingly difficult to predict and trending toward warmer summers. Obviously, the heat dome that stretched over the city in the summer of 2021 was a huge anomaly considering there were two days that had unprecedented temperatures. The council, and rightly so, took emergency actions at that time to ban the sale and use of fireworks. TNT FIREWORKS agreed with the decision at that time and because of the extraordinary temperatures believes the level of heat may not be reached again. As of today, the city of Portland is in a much better position in regards to drought than a year ago. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Multnomah Co has a small section which is abnormally dry and no drought currently.

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According to Weather 2020, a nationally recognized group of climatologists, predicts a much greater precipitation over the next 90 days. As the chart below shows, Portland could potentially be in for some unseasonably wet weather going forward which would diminish the drought even further. Instead of banning sparklers and ground based fountains we recommend that the Commission adopt a factual and statistical drought index that are measurable.



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Ultimately TNT FIREWORKS wants to partner with the city and help alleviate any concerns the citizens and council may have. As the largest wholesaler in the city of Portland, TNT FIREWORKS has not been involved with the proposal to ban sparklers and ground based fountains. The nonprofit groups that depend on the funds from the sale of sparklers were not included in the proposal to ban sparklers. Additionally, the major retailers that sell sparklers inside their stores such as Walmart, Fred Meyer, Albertsons/ Safeway, Costco, and BuyMart were not consulted. The businesses that rely on the income from tent rental, truck rental, shippings, and container rental were not involved in a decision that could impact their businesses greatly.

TNT respectfully requests that the Commission appoint a Stakeholder Task Force comprised of all entities involved such as Portland Fire, Industry, Nonprofit groups, Vendors, citizens and two Commissioners. Allow everyone involved to have a chance to solve the illegal problem rather than to ban sparklers and ground based fountains. Allow this Task Force's input and TNT's experience in other municipalities that have considered complete bans on legal fireworks and recognize that bans made the situation worse. Public Education and Enforcement are the best ways to combat the real issue which as stated in the letter of impact is illegal fireworks. **Again, a complete prohibition on legal fireworks will not solve the illegal problem!**

Thank you very much for your time and I am always available for questions and recommendations. TNT FIREWORKS strives to be a good community member and would like the chance to help the city of Portland.

Sincerely,

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From: tteuscher6@hotmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:29:31 PM

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Respectfully submitted for reading at the next council meeting.

Sincerely,

John Teuscher
Portland, OR
tteuscher6@hotmail.com

From: [Eric Gorham](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fireworks ban discussion
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:50:28 PM

I am rigorous in my belief that banning the sale and use of fireworks that some believe will reduce the risk of fires is I'll conceived.

I did however support the Portland city council in last years edict during the 'heat bubble' ban of last 4th of July.

Please consider carefully the city wide banning of ground based fireworks for city.

Thank you, Eric Gorham

I am a North Portland Arbor Lodge 72 year resident and property owner.

From: [Tad Trout](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: [User Approved] Letter for Public Testimony / Regular Meeting of Portland City Council February 23, 2022
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:13:26 PM
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[TNT Letter to Portland Council Clerk 2.22.22.pdf](#)

Dear Council Clerk,

Please read the attached letter during public testimony at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd. Thank you.



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If it's not TNT, it's not Fireworks!





February 22, 2022

Re: City Council Agenda Item #122

Dear Council Clerk,

This coming Wednesday under item #122 on the City Council Agenda, you will be asked by Commissioner Hardesty and the Portland Fire Department to consider a ban on Oregon State Approved Ground Based Sparklers and Fountains. They will lead you to believe that by banning these legal items, this action will “fix” the illegal fireworks problem in Portland. **MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS WILL NOT FIX THE PROBLEM!** It will make it worse and the nonprofit groups that use legal fireworks as a fundraiser will suffer.

So, what is the solution and what steps should be taken?

- Step #1: Vote against the ban on Oregon State Approved Ground Based Sparklers and Fountains.
- Step #2. Appoint a Stakeholders Task Force to study and recommend a plan to the Council that addresses the real problem which are the illegal fireworks that are coming into Portland. Allow ALL of the Stakeholders to have a say in the process.

Respectfully, I urge you to take the necessary steps above to truly address the illegal fireworks issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tad Trout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tad Trout
Partner, TNT Fireworks

From: [Tom Scott](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: RE: Portland Fireworks Ban
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:24:25 PM

Dear Honorable Mayor Ted Wheeler, Commissioner Carmen Rubio, Commissioner Dan Ryan, Commissioner Mingus Mapps, and Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty.

Re: Agenda Item #122 Ban Sale and Use of personal consumer fireworks.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter as a written public comment on Agenda Item #122 related to an ordinance to ban personal and consumer fireworks in the City of Portland. My name is Tom Scott, I am a lifetime Oregonian, a local business owner and property owner.

As a proud Oregonian and a strong supporter of both our State and Country, I strongly oppose the ban of Oregon approved consumer fireworks in the City of Portland. A very large amount of the Portland population regularly enjoy the use of Oregon safe and sane fireworks, one time a year, to celebrate the Fourth of July. These colorful and exciting displays bring joy to kids and families alike as they celebrate our great national holiday.

I am aware that the city receives “several” complaints around the Fourth of July concerning fireworks. Are these complaints tracked to Oregon approved consumer fireworks? Or do most of the complaints derive from aerial type exploding fireworks that are already considered illegal in Portland? It seems to me that large aerial explosions may be the major cause of noise complaints and not sparklers, cylindrical crackling fountains and ground spinning devices. Furthermore, it seems reasonable that continuing to allow Oregon approved safe and sane fireworks will be a deterrent to the larger aerial type fireworks that are the reasonable cause of complaints and fires.

Have you considered the affect this will have on local small businesses, civic organizations, and non-profits? Retail stores, civic organizations and many non-profits have significantly benefited over the years from the proceeds from the sale of fireworks. These organizations and businesses are important for Portland. They provide jobs, social and civic services to our youth and needy population. Please do not put these groups at risk.

Last summer, during the worst heat wave in our lifetime, Mayor Wheeler imposed a short-term ban on the use of fireworks due to the extreme conditions. If Portland were to experience conditions like these again, a short-term solution could be re-instituted. However, a full-time ban is extreme and unnecessary.

I respectfully request that you refuse this proposed ban. Instead, have a conversation with the community, the fireworks industry, and other stakeholders to find a commonsense solution. Please do not take away people’s joy. We have had too much joy taken from us recently. I urge you to vote no on this proposed ban.

Sincerely,

Tom Scott

From: neirtnaod@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:35:20 PM

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Sincerely,

Trien Doan
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From: [Chaim Vanek](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 122 (fireworks)
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:46:26 PM

hello

my children (ages 11 and 9) love lighting our own 4th of july fireworks and have been doing it for many years without incident. please do not ban all fireworks. we look forward to it every summer



Thank you, C Vanek

From: [Hanmail Service](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: fireworks in portland
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:10:00 PM
Attachments: [City of Portland.docx](#)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

City of Portland

I am writing this letter in regards of the sales and Use of fireworks being banned in the Portland area. I have been in the fireworks business for over 25 year. I grew up in Oregon all my life and 4th of July was always a fun time celebrating with family & friends getting together, barbequing playing game and ending the night with fireworks. **To Celebrate Our Freedom.**

I feel that to ban them because of the unusual hot weather we had last because we had such hot weather just before the 4th of July. Is a rash decision on your part. I wish this could be a topic for open decision and then a decision made on all party involved instead of by a few people. Maybe a few solutions that would be better then banning would be shortening the time allowed to put them off after the 4th. Giving out bigger fines for the use of illegal fireworks in Oregon.

Never in the history of Oregon have we had such high heat any time of the summer especially before the 4th of July. Even at that I know of no safe and sane fireworks being out of control in last year firework season or any other year. The majority of the city's and county's went ahead and allowed the use and sale of fireworks and I heard of nothing major happening in those areas even with the high temperatures.

The only major fire we have had was the fire lit with illegal fireworks bought and set off in the national forest by some teenagers on **SEPTEMBER 5th 2017th**. The only other fireworks fires that I am aware of were Illegal and homemade which were used downtown Portland area to destroy businesses, community's ,city, federal buildings and shoot at National Guardsmen and Police. Not Safe and sane fireworks.

Fireworks gives the Highschoolers, Colleague students and all the fundraiser people income and a chance to have there first job and learn responsibility skills and some money.

Please reconsider and take more time.

Big Bang Fireworks

Karen Weil

503-710-0188

From: [Patti Thayer](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Firework Ban in Portland
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:20:44 PM

I have volunteered at the Portland Moose Lodge 291 for the past 5 years. One of the projects I was in charge of was the Firework Stand. This was our biggest fund raiser to insure we had the monies for our community service projects. When the ban wasn't in place, our stand made \$4500 for our community service projects. The Lodge is struggling to help the community without this resource. The firework stands are important to many organizations for raising money. I also feel that people are more likely to purchase from these stands rather than get more dangerous fireworks elsewhere.

I understand the concern of potential injuries and property damage, but would rather be able to buy safer fireworks than think of the possibilities that could happen with a ban and people using much more dangerous fireworks. People are going to use fireworks with or without a ban, either with the fireworks that are legal to buy in Oregon or with ones from other sources that have a higher potential for damages and injuries.

Thank you for your time,
Patti VanBuskirk Thayer

From: [Goin" Gaming](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Portland Fireworks Ban
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:10:53 PM

My name is Becky Schmid and I am opposing the fireworks ban. I am a small business owner who relies on the yearly fireworks income to supplement my game store retail sales, which significantly drop in the summer. We have been running a tent for almost 5 years now and it is a great opportunity for us to connect with the community and advertise our existence.

That being said, most of my fireworks experience came from when I was a teen helping out my youth group with our yearly fireworks booth. This was one of two huge endeavors our group took on each year to fundraise for the season. As a youth helping with the fireworks fundraiser I learned many skills that I use to this day. Once I hit that magic age of 16, I was able to merchandise, engage the community with customer service, and learn cash handling.

I think it is vital for so many youth groups and small businesses that we continue the tradition of family fireworks that so many look forward to. I will also add that last year we took a lot of heat from very unhappy customers so I'm glad this is being addressed early.

Thank you!

Becky Schmid

From: [Dustin](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Firework Ban
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:54:24 PM

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Portland area my entire life. This City has always been a very neutral and fun place to live. Lately I find myself strongly thinking of leaving Portland. This City is no longer safe to live in. Between all the thieves, homeless, drug users and just flat criminals that run the streets of this City it is no longer a good place to visit yet reside in. And then I see that we are talking about “banning” firework use. There is so many other issues in this City and to hear something like this being proposed is just a punch in the already exhausted gut. Now you want to stop families from using small personal fireworks on a holiday that should be being promoted more then less these days. Please let this go. Please put our resources back into making this City a good place to live again before you loose more of us that love this place and have always called it home. I guess that’s the only thing I have to ask, again, Please turn your attention to the major issues. If you want to ban something Maybe ban homeless from being anywhere near our schools so our kids aren’t afraid to walk to school. This has got way out of hand.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and I hope this firework ban gets dropped and we continue to celebrate the way we always have,

Dustin Cressy

From: brianherold83@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:10:24 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: kareno64@msn.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:54:34 AM

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From: martyjackson5@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: jessicajwagner@gmail.com
To: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Protect Fireworks Freedoms in Portland, OR
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:58:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Jessica Wagner
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From: [Jason Trout](#)
To: [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Rubio](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Commissioner Hardesty](#)
Cc: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#); [Clerk General](#)
Subject: [User Approved] Ban on Fireworks
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 4:43:12 PM
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February 25, 2022

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Western Fireworks and TNT, on behalf of our nonprofit partners, vendors, and chain stores, respectfully request that the council delay the decision on the fireworks ban as contemplated in recently proposed amendments to Fire Code Subsection 31.40.070A. This delay would afford stakeholders the time and opportunity to work with the City Council and the Fire Bureau to explore potential alternatives to a ban. These alternatives could produce greater health and safety outcomes for our community than either the status quo or the pending ban.

Most nonprofit partners, for whom selling fireworks is a key part of their fundraising efforts and educational experience for the populations they serve, are just now being notified of the potential ban. Our companies were only notified when our typical permits were not issued. Since Wednesday's first reading of the ordinance, our companies have met and want to offer some specific ideas that through collaboration with the City could produce better outcomes than the proposed ban. Some potential alternatives to a complete ban include:

1. Banning specific products after collaboration with industry and Fire Bureau.
2. Limiting the days of use or sale.
3. Using pre-established metrics associated with weather conditions to trigger automatic bans without extraordinary action needed by the Mayor or Council.
4. Increasing education and enforcement efforts, in addition to those efforts previously put in place.
5. Establishing a non-emergency complaint hotline funded by industry to divert fireworks calls away from 911.

We would respectfully request that the City Council delay your decision on the fireworks ban that is expected to be second read on March 2nd. This would give the ALL stakeholders appropriate time to work together and consider alternatives to ensure health and safety outcomes, protect non-profit partners and those they serve, and allow the responsible use and sale of fireworks to continue.



From: [Richard](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Cc: [Clerk General](#)
Subject: Fireworks
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:03:11 AM

Ban Fireworks YES, again we are faced with the choice "individual rights" depending on which individual you choose to represent. When people light there so called fireworks they are affecting everyone in our high density neighborhoods although they would argue they are being safe and there individual right to use fireworks is greater than the other sides non use of fireworks. Again this should not continue as a game of whack a mole you need to just ban fireworks. I would make the same argument about back yard burning in high density neighborhoods. Individual rights are tricky I think you are obligated to consider what the property, health and quality of life issues are at stake. Just because it ends up being a vocal minority that are against fireworks dosen't mean that the majority should rule. Seatbelt's, Cigarettes, Gas Powered Leaf Blowers, Noise Rules, Texting wile driving, Talking on the phone wile driving, Speeding in your car 55 MPH freeway 20 MPH side streets, Diesel idling, the list is long and there has been alot of blowback because you made an un popular decision. We need to grow up and realize that individual rights go both ways I would argue for the greater good fireworks of any kind are a bad idea I would also humbly suggest back yard burning is creating similar issue and the smoke from back yard burning is harmful to the health of anyone and everyone whom is exposed to it and the people doing it cannot control were the smoke ends up going so it effects the personal rights of everyone that happens to be close and the people burning in my experience do not follow any rules or regulations and PF&R or DEQ, or Multnomah County Health Dept. will NOT enforce any rules or regulations as it relates to back yard burning. So if anything is going to get done about fireworks you really ned to step up and do the thing that is good for everyone even if the majority squeals. PF&R or DEQ, or Multnomah County Health Dept. Police Dept., absolutely have to be on board with this regardless of there personal opinions about fireworks If you give them wiggle room in my experience that is all they will do, this ban cannot be upheld without complete support from PF&R or DEQ, or Multnomah County Health Dept. Police Dept.and fines for breaking the law that states, NO MORE FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND.

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