

RESOLUTION NO. 22-11

A RESOLUTION REGULATING FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Scappoose recognizes that fireworks are an American pastime, used to celebrate and note some of our most important historical events and days. They are well loved and highly favored by a large portion of the population; and

WHEREAS, conversely, fireworks are extremely dangerous in dry conditions, noise and light from fireworks can unnerve animals and children, cause harm to those with light and/or noise sensitivities, and can be damaging to those with PTSD and other mental/emotional health issues; and

WHEREAS, issues relating to fireworks has been brought to the attention of City Council, and Council wants to make clear to the community that proactive steps to protect this community and residents within this community are being taken;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

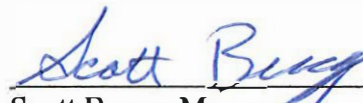
- 1) The City of Scappoose will work collaboratively with the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District to keep the city of Scappoose, and its residents, safe from the fire and life-safety threat that legal and illegal fireworks present.
- 2) The City of Scappoose recognizes issues within the community relating to illegal fireworks, and the psychological, emotional, and physical toll and threat they present. The City of Scappoose will work with the Fire District to develop a communication and enforcement strategy, and solutions, relating to the use of illegal fireworks within the City of Scappoose.
- 3) Illegal fireworks are categorically banned within the City of Scappoose.
- 4) Legal fireworks are permissible to use within the City of Scappoose on the following days only: December 31 and January 1; and July 2 through July 6; aligning with the holidays most highly associated with the celebratory and beloved nature of fireworks.
- 5) Fireworks of all types are not permitted to be used in City Parks, streets within City Parks, or on City Property. This clause does not include the right of way commonly referred to as "streets".
- 6) Legal fireworks are exempt from City of Scappoose noise ordinances and municipal code sections regulating noise on the days specified in clause 4) of this Resolution. Depending on

the specific context of any given situation a nuisance may still be declared, and enforcement action taken at the discretion of enforcement authorities.

- 7) Legal fireworks shall not be used in grassy areas, dry areas, or other areas prone to catching fire. Council urges the cautious and safe use of legal fireworks, including adults monitoring the use of legal fireworks, safe handling, lighting, and disposal of legal fireworks, and strongly urge that a ready source of water be at hand when engaging in legal firework displays.
- 8) Lastly, Scappoose City Council and the City of Scappoose urge the utmost due diligence and caution when using legal fireworks to prevent injuries, fires, and damage to property. Council asks the Scappoose Community to be considerate of your neighbors and fellow community members who may be disproportionately impacted by fireworks for any number of reasons.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Scappoose City Council this 6th day of June, 2022, and signed by me and the City Recorder in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON



Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:



Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder