

March 16, 2021
Fireworks Enforcement

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Sponsor: Zahilay

Proposed No.: 2021-0057

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2021-0057, VERSION 1**

2 On page 8, on line 178, after "exceed" strike "one thousand" and insert "two hundred
3 fifty"

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5 On page 9, after line 183, insert:

6 "D. The civil and criminal penalties described in subsections A. through C. of
7 this section shall not be enforced for violations of section 7.B. of this ordinance as it
8 pertains to the use or discharge of consumer fireworks, as defined in RCW 70.77.136,
9 until one year after this ordinance takes effect under RCW 70.77.250. During the period
10 in which these penalties are not being enforced, the King County sheriff's office and the
11 fire marshal shall only issue warnings to violators of section 7.B. of this ordinance and
12 shall provide information to violators on the county's laws governing fireworks."

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14 On page 33, after line 704, insert:

15 "SECTION 17.

16 A. The executive shall prepare a fireworks enforcement study report.

17 B. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- 18 1. An evaluation of options to provide an immediate, unarmed, nonpolice
19 response to reported fireworks violations from June 28 through July 6 of each year;
- 20 2. The estimated cost of each option analyzed as required in subsection A.1. of
21 this section, and potential funding sources for each option; and
- 22 3. A recommended approach for ensuring the provision of immediate, unarmed,
23 nonpolice response to fireworks violations during the time described in subsection B.1. of
24 this section.

25 C. The report shall be transmitted to the council by June 30, 2022. If legislative
26 action is necessary to implement the recommendations of the report, a proposed
27 ordinance shall be transmitted with the report. The report shall be filed in the form of a
28 paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the
29 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff
30 and the lead staff to the committee of the whole, or its successor, and the lead staff to the
31 law and justice committee, or its successor."

32 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references
33 accordingly.

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35 **EFFECT prepared by *Jake Tracy: The amendment would:***

36 The amendment would:

- 37 • Change the fine for fireworks violations from the proposed \$1,000 back to the
38 current \$250.
- 39 • In the first year the new fireworks ordinance is in effect, state that violations of
40 the ordinance by using or discharging fireworks would only result in a warning

41 and receiving information regarding the county's fireworks regulations. No
42 penalties would be allowed.

- 43 • Require the executive to undertake a study of options to provide immediate,
44 unarmed, nonpolice enforcement of fireworks regulations, and recommend an
45 approach. The study would be due by June 30, 2022.

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