



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: JAMES A. BERGMAN, CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
AGENDA ITEM 11.b. – APRIL 9, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.08 OF  
TITLE 8 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING  
FIREWORKS**

**DATE: APRIL 8, 2019**

Attached is correspondence received regarding the above referenced item.

cc: City Attorney  
City Clerk  
Five Cities Fire Chief  
Public Review Binder

**From:** Jarratt Trudy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2019 9:10 AM  
**To:** Caren Ray Russom  
**Subject:** Safe and Sane Fireworks Ordinance

Hi Caren,

I'm sure you are getting many comments on July 4 fireworks. I think all, or most, agree this tradition of fireworks to celebrate America should continue, but with consideration of how neighbors are impacted. With a modified timeframe for the use of fireworks showing consideration for all residents, local non profit organizations can continue to sell safe and sane fireworks as their fundraiser.

Does the city have a rule that if the fire danger is rated at a high level fireworks are not permitted? If not, I suggest the issue be discussed.

With that in mind, I'd like to suggest a new timeframe for setting off fireworks.

July 3 from 4 pm to midnight  
July 4 from 9 am to midnight  
No fireworks permitted on July 5

I realize this is a difficult decision. Thank you for considering my input.

*Trudy Jarratt*  
*Arroyo Grande, CA*

> On Apr 7, 2019, at 3:35 PM, fe villador [REDACTED] > wrote:

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> We live at Crown Hill. The 4th of July fireworks should be for the day & evening only. Not 1 week before or after. The noise disturbs my dog & the other neighboring animals. Also, the enforcement is non-existing.

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> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Janice Reid <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 7, 2019 at 7:46:18 AM PDT  
**To:** <[kbarneich@arroyogrande.org](mailto:kbarneich@arroyogrande.org)>  
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**Subject:** Fireworks in Arroyo Grande

April 7, 2019

Kristen Barneich,

Thank you for encouraging me to write you about two issues that are coming up at City Council meeting Tuesday. I will be unable to attend since I will be with my sister and daughter in Brooklyn for a few days.

I would like to weigh in on the fireworks issue. Fireworks are very disturbing in my neighborhood at least. I live right off Grand Ave on S. Alpine. They disrupt my sleep and are difficult for my dog.

They seem to start even before the stands go up and get much worse after the sales begin. I would like to see the shortest possible sale period. If that causes less revenue for non-profits, I suggest raising the price. My suggestion is *Fireworks shall not be sold before \_\_\_noon\_\_\_ on the \_1st day\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_July\_\_\_\_\_ and such sales shall cease at \_5pm\_\_\_ on the \_4th\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_July\_\_\_\_\_.* Sales during this time period will be limited to nine a.m. to nine p.m. each day. Any permittee failing to observe these hours designated for sale may have their permit revoked or be ineligible for a permit in subsequent years.

I strongly support Discharge of "safe and sane fireworks" may only occur on July 4th in legally permitted locations. No person under eighteen (18) years of age may possess or discharge "safe and sane fireworks" except when under the direct supervision of a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

**From:** Janice Reid [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** April 7, 2019 at 8:07:19 AM PDT  
**To:** Kirsten Barneich <[kbarneich@arroyogrande.org](mailto:kbarneich@arroyogrande.org)>  
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**Subject:** Fireworks  
**Reply-To:** Janice Reid [REDACTED] >

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Sorry I did not finish the letter that was already sent. I was working from "mail" as opposed to my email server.

I also support the Desert Hot Springs Administrative Citation and Social Host attachment relating to fireworks.

The other issue that I would like to weigh in on is housing the homeless at the current Hillside Church. I support the 5CHC and People's Self-Help Housing. My understanding of these organizations and their purpose is they help the needy and support the entire community in the process.

My experience has been that the better we take care of the least fortunate among us, the more the community thrives. We will have homeless no matter what. I would rather have them guided and respected. If people are fed, clothed, housed, this not only serves them, it serves us. We are spiritually directed to take care of each other.

Thank you for your consideration. I will watch Channel 20 when I return.

Janice Reid