
Opposition to Prohibiting Firework Sales in Alpine

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Dear Town of Alpine,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposal to prohibit the sale of fireworks within the town limits.

I understand that fireworks can raise legitimate concerns about safety, noise, fires, and responsible use. However, I believe a complete prohibition on their sale within town limits is an unnecessary restriction. There are ways to address safety concerns through reasonable regulations, enforcement, designated use periods, and education without eliminating the ability for local businesses to sell fireworks.

Fireworks are also an important part of celebrations for many families, particularly around Independence Day. I believe residents should have the opportunity to make responsible choices for themselves and their families while following reasonable safety requirements.

I respectfully ask the Town Council to reconsider prohibiting fireworks sales and instead look at reasonable regulations that address legitimate safety concerns without an outright ban on sales.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the opinions of residents and community members.

Alpine Ordinance No. 2026-015

From Matt Hansen <mwhansen12@gmail.com>

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Dear Mayor Green and Members of the Town Council:

I am writing to respectfully oppose Ordinance No. 2026-015, which repeals the current ordinance and would prohibit the sale, use, and discharge of fireworks within the incorporated limits of the Town of Alpine, except through a Special Event Permit approved by the Town Council. As written, the ordinance makes it unlawful to sell fireworks within town limits and prohibits their use and discharge within town limits.

This proposed change would have a devastating impact on my family, my employees, and other local businesses that depend on the seasonal fireworks economy. Our Alpine tent is by far our best location. It generates approximately \$200,000 to \$220,000 in annual revenue, which represents more than 50% of our total revenue.

This business is not a side venture for us. It is our sole source of income, and my wife, children, and I rely heavily on it throughout the year. In addition, I employ several people, including close friends and family members, who depend on this work to help cover school, housing, missions, and other living expenses. The ordinance would not just affect one tent. It would directly affect multiple households. The ripple effects extend beyond our business. I also pay rent to the gas station where we operate, and they rely on that rental income as well. Our customers do not only buy fireworks. Many of them come from out of state, spend money in Alpine, and support other local businesses while they are here. Since we began operating in 2018, we have worked hard to build a strong reputation in the Alpine community and among returning out-of-state customers.

I understand the Town's stated concern about wildfire risk and public safety. The ordinance and staff report state that the purpose is to prohibit the sale and use of fireworks within town limits, with limited use only through a Town Council-approved Special Event Permit, based on wildfire and safety concerns. I do not dismiss those concerns. Public safety matters. But this ordinance goes too far by imposing a complete ban on sales within town limits rather than pursuing narrower, practical safeguards.

There is a major difference between reasonable regulation and total prohibition. If the Town's goal is to reduce fire danger, there are less damaging alternatives available, including stricter hours of discharge, designated discharge areas, increased safety requirements for retailers, weather-based restrictions, or temporary limitations during periods of extreme fire danger. Those kinds of targeted measures would address safety concerns without destroying lawful seasonal businesses and the economic activity they bring to Alpine.

Fireworks are closely tied to the celebration of America's birthday and to long-standing traditions of patriotism, family gatherings, and community spending. A complete ban on sales and use within town limits would undercut not only local business owners, but also residents and visitors who want to celebrate responsibly.

I respectfully ask the Town Council to reconsider Ordinance No. 2026-015 and reject the current blanket prohibition. At a minimum, I ask the Council to work with local business owners to find a balanced solution that addresses legitimate safety concerns without eliminating businesses, jobs, rental income, and tourism-related spending that Alpine has benefited from for years.

Respectfully, Matt Hansen

Ordinance No. 2026-015

From LeAnn Hansen <lhansen511@gmail.com>

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Dear Mayor Green and Members of the Alpine Town Council,

I am writing as a longtime customer and visitor to Alpine to respectfully ask you to reconsider and decline to adopt any ordinance that would prohibit the sale of fireworks within the Town of Alpine.

For 40 years, I have traveled to Alpine every summer specifically to purchase fireworks. What started as a simple trip in my youth to buy fireworks has become a tradition that my family and I have looked forward to year after year..

I know we are not the only family who feels this way. For decades, families from surrounding communities and other states have made the trip to Alpine because of its reputation as a place to buy fireworks. For many of us, coming to Alpine each summer is part of our 4th of July tradition. We return year after year, and those traditions are passed down through generations.

When I look back over the number of years I have been making these trips, it is hard to imagine Alpine without the fireworks businesses that have helped make it a destination for so many families to cultivate lasting and cherished memories, even time honored traditions.

I certainly understand the Town's responsibility to consider fire safety, public safety, and the concerns of residents. Those are important issues that deserve to be taken seriously. However, I hope the Council will consider whether those concerns can be addressed through reasonable regulations rather than eliminating the sale of fireworks altogether.

A ban would affect more than the businesses selling fireworks. It would affect the many families and individuals who travel to Alpine specifically for this tradition. People make plans around these traditions. Families and individuals from surrounding areas and out of state, load up their vehicles, travel to Alpine, purchase their fireworks, and spend time in the community before heading home to enjoy their firework purchases. Those visitors also purchase fuel, food, drinks, and other goods and services while they are there. Fireworks sales therefore bring people into Alpine who might otherwise have no reason to visit during that time of year. More importantly, it would eliminate a tradition that has been a part of Alpine for decades.

After personally making the trip to Alpine for 40 years, I can say that Alpine has become part of my family's annual 4th of July tradition. During the season we go to Alpine to buy fireworks, while there

we eat locally at either Yankee Doodle, the taco bus, get pizza, or food and treats at Broulim's deli and grocery store, then fill up with drinks, treats, and fuel for the road before heading back home with anticipation to eventually enjoy a firework show with our family and friends. Local businesses benefit when Alpine serves as a destination for seasonal shopping. I would hate to see that tradition disappear for my family and for the many other families and individuals who make the same trip every year.

I respectfully ask the Town Council to consider alternatives to an outright ban to address legitimate safety concerns while allowing a longstanding tradition to continue.

Please consider the perspective of the families who have supported Alpine's fireworks businesses for decades. We are not simply customers-we are visitors who have made coming to Alpine part of our family's summer tradition.

I sincerely hope the Town Council will reconsider the proposed ban and find a way to preserve both public safety and the longstanding fireworks tradition that has brought families like mine back to Alpine year after year.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and for considering the perspective of someone who has been making the trip to Alpine for almost four decades.

Respectfully,
LeAnn Hansen



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Fireworks

From Shemai christensen <shemaijoy@icloud.com>

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We come every year to alpine to buy fireworks. This last two years my son even got a part time job at the stand. It would be a real shame to not support these small local businesses.

Shemai Christensen

Sent from my iPhone

Fireworks.

From Pete Aagard <pete_disi@yahoo.com>

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To Office <office@alpinewy.gov>

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We enjoy the tradition of coming to alpine to go rafting and hiking. We also love to get fireworks there such a great price and selection. Thank you for allowing us to visit your lovely mountains.

Peter aagard.

Sent from my iPhone

Banning Fireworks in Alpine

From cianna aagard <aagardcianna@gmail.com>

Date Sun 10/4/2026 9:37 PM

To Office <office@alpinewy.gov>

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Dear Alpine Town Council,

I am writing to respectfully share my hope that Alpine does not move forward with banning fireworks.

For years, my family has made it a tradition to travel to Alpine to celebrate. We don't just come for fireworks we make an entire day of it. We visit local spots, spend time together, and create memories that have become incredibly meaningful to us.

A big part of that tradition includes stopping by Yankee Doodle Cafe and finishing our day with ice cream from Broulim's on the way out.

Alpine has always been our favorite place to purchase fireworks and has always had the best selection. Especially this year, with the significance of celebrating 250 years of America, it would mean so much to families like ours to continue this tradition.

We understand the importance of safety and responsibility, and we truly appreciate the efforts the town makes to keep everyone safe. We simply hope there might be a way to preserve this long standing tradition while still addressing those concerns.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of families like mine. We sincerely hope to be back in Alpine again this year to continue a tradition we cherish.

Warm regards,
Cianna Aagard

Firework Ban

From Taybre Shuman <taybrejshuman@gmail.com>

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Dear town of Alpine council

I'm emailing you to ask to continue to let fireworks be sold in the town limits of Alpine. Fireworks should be accessible to families locally.

Thank you!

Fireworks

From Tyson Sweetwood <tysonsweetwood4@icloud.com>

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Sent from my iPhone **Dear Town of Alpine Council,**

I'm writing to ask that you continue to allow fireworks to be sold within the town limits of Alpine. I believe residents should have the option to purchase fireworks locally, especially for holidays and family celebrations.

I hope you will consider keeping fireworks sales available rather than banning them.

Thank you for listening to the community and considering my opinion.

**Sincerely,
Tyson Sweetwood**

Prohibiting Firework Sales

From bradley beckstead <bbeckstead21@gmail.com>

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Hello,

I wanted to voice my opinion regarding prohibiting the sale of fireworks within city limits. I do not agree with this motion. Consenting adults should be allowed to make their own decisions regarding fireworks. This ban would not prevent fireworks use in any way.

Thank you.

Opposition to the Ban on Firework Sales

From Chris Hinckley <chrishinckleygsp@gmail.com>

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This is the first time you received an email from this sender (chrishinckleygsp@gmail.com). Exercise caution when clicking links, opening attachments or taking further action, before validating its authenticity.

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to the decision to ban the sale of fireworks within the City of Alpine.

Firework sales are more than simply an opportunity for residents to purchase fireworks. They also bring people into Alpine who otherwise may have no reason to visit the community. During the weeks surrounding Independence Day, people travel specifically to Alpine to purchase fireworks, creating additional foot traffic and bringing potential customers to local businesses, restaurants, gas stations, and other establishments throughout the community.

These visitors contribute to the local economy while they are in Alpine. Someone who comes to town specifically to purchase fireworks may also stop for fuel, get something to eat, shop at a local business, or otherwise spend money within the community. In this way, firework sales can serve as a meaningful source of economic activity and help introduce visitors to Alpine who might not otherwise make the trip.

There is also an important economic reality to consider: banning the sale of fireworks in Alpine does not eliminate the demand for fireworks or prevent people from using them. It simply moves the commerce associated with those purchases to surrounding communities.

For those hoping banning the sale of fireworks will remove their use in the area. Ask your close neighbors Idaho how that has worked out. Like clockwork, the fireworks of Wyoming light their sky every 4th of July!

Residents and visitors who want to purchase fireworks will still do so. If they cannot purchase them in Alpine, they will travel to another nearby community where sales are permitted. The money that could have been spent with Alpine businesses will instead benefit businesses, property owners, and residents in those surrounding communities.

In other words, the ban does not make economic activity disappear—it changes where that economic activity takes place. Rather than keeping those customers, sales, and associated

spending within Alpine, the City risks directing that commerce elsewhere.

Firework sales provide Alpine with an opportunity to attract visitors who may not otherwise come to town. Those visitors can contribute to the broader local economy through purchases at restaurants, gas stations, stores, and other businesses. Losing those visitors and their spending could have an impact beyond the firework sales themselves.

I believe the City should carefully consider the broader economic consequences of eliminating firework sales. Alpine has an opportunity to attract seasonal visitors and capture commerce that would otherwise go to surrounding communities. Once that business is pushed elsewhere, it may be difficult for local businesses to recover that lost spending.

I respectfully ask the City Council to reconsider the ban on firework sales and recognize the economic activity, visitors, and local spending that these sales bring to Alpine. The demand for fireworks will continue regardless of where they are sold; the question is whether that commerce will benefit Alpine and its citizens or surrounding communities instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope the City Council will take these economic factors into account when evaluating the future of firework sales in Alpine.

Respectfully,

Chris Hinckley

Firework sales in Alpine

From James Bartell <jamesbartell58@gmail.com>

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Dear council of Alpine,

I recently have heard that the town of Alpine is considering banning fireworks sales. My ask is that you do not move forward with this action. I know people who travel through Alpine every year to get fireworks. It is a great location and a beautiful place to stop. And in the summer months the fire work sales makes it a popular reason to stop and enjoy the beautiful town.

I hope you consider this request.

Sincerely,

James Bartell

Firework Ban

From Benjamin Morris <morrisbenjamin29@gmail.com>

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Dear Town of Alpine Council,

I'm writing to ask that you continue to allow fireworks to be sold within the town limits of Alpine. I believe residents should have the option to purchase fireworks locally, especially for holidays and family celebrations.

I hope you will consider keeping fireworks sales available rather than banning them.

Thank you for listening to the community and considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
Ben Morris

Fireworks.

From Ike Sutton <idizzlesutton410@icloud.com>

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Hello,

I am writing to ask the Town of Alpine to please continue allowing fireworks to be sold within city limits.

Firework sales have been a part of the community, and I do not believe a complete ban is necessary. I understand that there can be concerns involving safety, but I believe those concerns can be handled through responsible regulations rather than taking away the ability to sell fireworks altogether.

Allowing firework sales also supports local businesses and gives residents the opportunity to purchase them locally instead of having to travel elsewhere.

I respectfully ask the Town Council to consider keeping firework sales legal within Alpine and to look for reasonable safety measures instead of a full ban.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ike Sutton