



Date: July 7, 2026
Department: Administration
Presenter: Monica Chenault/Councilman Larsen
Subject: Fireworks Restrictions within the Town of Alpine

Purpose:

This item is informational only. The purpose is to provide Council with a brief summary of the Town’s existing restrictions on fireworks, referred to in the ordinance as pyrotechnic devices, within the incorporated limits of the Town of Alpine.

Background:

The Town adopted Ordinance No. 2020-01 to regulate pyrotechnic devices within Town limits. The ordinance recognizes that Alpine is located in a semi-rural area where residential structures may be located near forested areas or areas with abundant combustible materials, and that wildfire risk is generally greatest between June and October.

The ordinance defines a “pyrotechnic device” as any explosive device designed to create noise, sparks, smoke, or pyrotechnic effects. Under the ordinance, the discharge of pyrotechnic devices is only permitted during the twenty-four hours before July 4th, on July 4th, and during the twenty-four hours after July 4th each year. Pyrotechnic devices may also be permitted for other events or occasions if approved upon petition to the Town Council.

The ordinance also allows the Town, by order of the Mayor and Council, to prohibit the use of pyrotechnic devices if it is determined that there is a danger of wildfire at any time of the year.

Alternatives:

Provide public clarification regarding current fireworks restrictions.

Council may direct staff or Councilman Larsen to publicly summarize the existing fireworks restrictions, including the limited July 4th timeframe and the Town’s ability to prohibit fireworks during wildfire danger.

Fiscal Impact: N/A



Strategic or Community Impact:

The fireworks restrictions are intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Alpine residents and visitors by reducing wildfire risk and limiting the discharge of fireworks to a defined period around July 4th, unless otherwise approved by Council. Clear communication of the existing restrictions may help residents understand when fireworks are allowed and when additional restrictions may be imposed due to wildfire danger.

Key Questions: N/A

Suggested Motion: N/A