

## **City Commission Agenda Item**

Meeting Date:	June 3, 2025
From:	Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk
Item:	Temporary Extension - 2025 Fireworks Sales & Discharge Period

<u>Motion</u>: A Resolution authorizing a temporary extension of the permitted sale and detonation of fireworks in Arkansas City, Kansas, through Saturday, July 5, 2025, in observance of Independence Day holiday, establishing specific hours for sale, detonation and cleanup requirements. *(Voice Vote)* 

**Background:** Kansas Statute 31-134, subsection (b), which establishes the Kansas Fire Prevention Code, explicitly grants cities the authority "to prohibit or regulate the sale, handling, use or storage or fireworks within its boundaries". The City of Arkansas City exercises this authority to determine fireworks use through <u>Chapter 35, Article III. Fireworks</u>, Section 34-45 of the Municipal Code, which governs the use of fireworks within city limits.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falling on a Friday this year, city staff recommend temporarily extending the 2025 holiday fireworks season by one day, allowing sales and detonation of fireworks beginning Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and ending Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for this year only. All other provisions of Chapter 34 pertaining to fireworks remain lawful and in full effect.

Although recent state legislation (Senate Bill 199) expands the potential for sales and discharge of fireworks statewide, city staff believe the city's ordinance regarding fireworks is appropriate for the City of Arkansas City and municipal code will remain unchanged at this time.

## Commission Options:

- 1. Approve the Resolution.
- 2. Disapprove of the Resolution.
- 3. Table the Resolution for further discussion.

## Fiscal Impact: Amount:

Fund:	Department:	Expense Code:			
Included in	budget	Grant	Bonds	Other Not Budgeted	
Attachments	: Resolution				
Approved for Agenda by:					
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Randy Frazer, City Manager