



**DATE:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Chapter 6, Article 4, Fireworks Code Updates

**Background:**

The City's current fireworks ordinance contains vague and ambiguous language regarding the permitted dates and times for the sale and detonation of fireworks. The lack of clearly defined start and end dates, as well as specific daily time limitations, has resulted in confusion among residents and retailers.

City staff have received multiple inquiries from residents seeking clarification on when fireworks may legally be sold and discharged. Due to the ordinance's imprecise wording, staff have been unable to provide definitive guidance in some instances.

Additionally, the ambiguity in the ordinance has hindered enforcement efforts. Without clearly established parameters, enforcement personnel face challenges in determining when violations occur, which limits the City's ability to issue citations or ensure compliance. This exposes the City to potential legal challenges based on lack of clarity and insufficient notice.

For these reasons, staff recommends amending the ordinance to include specific and clearly defined dates and times for both sales and detonation. Clarifying these provisions will improve public understanding, enhance enforceability, and ensure consistent application of the regulations.

**Discussion:**

While the draft ordinance references specific dates and times, these provisions are proposed only and may be modified at the discretion of the City Council.

**Financial Considerations:**

No financial data available at this time.

**Legal Considerations:**

The ordinance is approved as to form and requires a majority vote for approval

**Recommendation/Actions:**

It is recommended that City Council adopt the ordinance.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance