

TO: Mayor and City Council of the City of Dacula

FROM: Brittni Nix, City Administrator
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DATE: August 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend Chapters 13 and 18 of the City Code

The Marshal's Department has received an increasing number of complaints concerning fireworks displays in residential areas within the City limits. Specifically, fireworks are being ignited continuously throughout the night and on multiple nights every week. The continual fireworks are causing distress to neighbors and their families.

The City currently does not have a mechanism in place to rectify the situation. Therefore, staff recommends amending Chapter 13, Article III - Noise by requiring a permit for fireworks display for days not protected by O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2. Requiring a permit will provide the City a means to regulate the frequency of fireworks displays and additional oversight to mitigate the nuisance to neighboring residences and businesses. Fireworks would still be permitted on January 1, the last Saturday and Sunday in May, July 3, July 4, the first Monday in September, December 31, and January 1 without a permit.

Staff recommends approving the provided Ordinance to amend Chapters 13 and 18 effective immediately. The public has been duly notified of the proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance per the State's notification requirements.