



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Second Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Code Section 41.14 Fireworks

BACKGROUND:

Required code changes based on the recent legislative session and SF303. The first reading was held on June 9, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

I have already submitted the order form to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification, and they have prepared the ordinance to amend the appropriate code section(s) within Independence's Code of Ordinances. These changes are more administrative changes to the Iowa Code and the Independence Code.

It's worth noting that, since the State Law was signed into effect on May 19, 2025, when the Governor signed this bill, enforcement of the City's current ordinance is not possible. Passing this revised ordinance is crucial to allow the Police Department to enforce the requirements the Council would like to have in place outside of July 3rd or 4th during the upcoming holiday.

RESULTS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Fees to be paid to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification in the amount of \$243.00. There will be publication costs as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Code Section 41.14 - Fireworks.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance, which amends provisions pertaining to Code Section 41.14 - Fireworks, placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.