



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 25, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Health and Safety – Fireworks – First Reading

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This is the first reading of this item.

This item was discussed at the March 4, 2024, City Council Work Session at the request of a Council Member. The discussion was regarding the allowance of the discharge of fireworks within the City of Independence. During that discussion, the City Manager pointed out that the Iowa League of Cities has model language for the allowance of Fireworks or the disallowance. The attached proposed Ordinance has language from those examples, with refinement and discussion between the City Manager and the Police Chief.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The attached Ordinance was prepared by City Staff in an attempt to address the requests of the majority of Council Members as discussed at the Work Session.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by codifying requirements around fireworks within the City limits of Independence.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

There will be publication costs related to the ordinance summary being published and then costs to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification when the next code supplement is done.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Public Health and Safety – Fireworks.