

# **AGENDA STAFF MEMO**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Diana Wheeler, Interim Community Development Director

**DATE:** June 2, 2025, For the City Council Meeting on June 16, 2025

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AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Section 11.7.1 of the Unified

Development Code For the City of Milton. Georgia to Restrict the Use of

Fireworks Near Equine Facilities.

#### **SUMMARY:**

During the Georgia 2025 legislative session, Representative Jan Jones, Pro Temp of the 47<sup>th</sup> House District along with Representatives Brad Thomas of the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Chuck Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup> sponsored a bill to allow the governing authority of a county or municipal corporation to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use or ignition of consumer fireworks up to 200 yards from a facility housing equines in a confined area. This bill was signed into law by Governor Kemp on May 14, 2025. This law becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

The proposed ordinance is to amend the existing regulations within the Noise Control Ordinance contained in Sec. 1.7.1 of the Unified Development Code which will prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks as defined in OCGA 25-10-1(a)(1) within 200 yards of a facility housing equines in a confined area.

By adopting this proposed ordinance, it will allow the City to enforce this newly created law when required.

## **FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There will be no funding or financial impact.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may choose to amend or deny the proposed text amendment.

## **REVIEW & APPROVALS:**

Legal Review: Ken Jarrard, Jarard & Davis, LLP — April 2025

Paul Frickey, Jarrard & Davis, LLP — June 2025

Concurrent Review: Steven Krokoff, City Manager — June 2025

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 

Ordinance for Text Amendment to Sec. 11.7.1.

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