

City of Gig Harbor
Finance and Safety Committee
Councilmembers Abersold, Rodenberg, Woock

AGENDA

September 21, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Online

Call-in: (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 477-328-245

1. Roll Call

2. New Business

2.1. Election Of Chair

2.2. Fireworks Ordinance

Documents:

[FIREWORKS MEMO AND EXHIBIT.PDF](#)

3. Adjourn

3.1. Next Scheduled Meeting: December 21, 2020



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Safety Committee

FROM: Katrina Knutson, AICP, Community Development Director

CC: Mayor Kuhn
Bob Larson, City Administrator
Kelly Busy, Police Chief
Paul Rice, Building Official/Fire Marshal

DATE: September 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Firework Regulations

At the June 22, 2020 Council Meeting, Councilmember Denson asked staff to prepare an Ordinance for the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting to limit firework discharge to July 4th only. After subsequent discussion between staff and Council regarding workload and timing, it was determined this topic would be directed to the September 2020 Finance and Safety Committee.

In 2015, the allowable firework discharge dates were modified from June 28th through July 5th to July 1st through July 4th (from eight allowable days to four). Prior to this regulation modification, the Ordinance stood for 30-years without revision. Per State Law, any changes to the firework regulations must be adopted 12-months prior to local implementation. Effectively, this means if Council determines a modification is necessary, local implementation would occur for the 2022 firework season.

Prior to undertaking this work item, staff recommend a full vetting of the topic with the Committee. Staff will discuss the below factors with the Committee on September 21st:

- 1) Complaint information,¹
- 2) Fire District Callouts,²
- 3) Enforceability,
- 4) Revenue streams of non-profit organizations, and
- 5) Public Input.

Staff request the Committee receive briefing, discuss the topic, and next steps. Potential next steps include, 1) Request staff return to Committee with additional information, 2) Forward motion to full Council recommending amendment of firework regulations or 3) Forward motion to full Council recommending retaining status quo on firework regulations.

¹ Firework complaint data from the Gig Harbor Police Department will be disseminated to the Committee at the meeting.

² Over the last 6-years, there have been only three callouts in the City limits of Gig Harbor. All occurred on July 4th, one each in 2015, 2017 and 2020.

Fireworks Complaints

Exhibit 1

2015

Date	Time	Call Type	End Location		Disposition
7/2/2015	2:26	Fireworks	57th Ct NW/28th Ave NW	A	Gone on Arrival
7/2/2015	10:30	Explosives	6711 Kimball Dr	B	Formal Report
7/3/2015	3:11	Fireworks	2601 Hollycroft St NW	A	Gone on Arrival
7/3/2015	22:21	Fireworks	108th St NW/Peacock Hill Ave	C	No Formal Report
7/4/2015	17:19	Fireworks	9414 49th Ac NW	A	Gone on Arrival
7/4/2015	19:31	Fireworks	2905 Harborview Dr	A	Gone on Arrival
7/4/2015	22:23	Fireworks	2601 Hollycroft St NW	A	Gone on Arrival
7/5/2015	20:13	Fireworks	Alastra Ln/Skansie Ave	A	Gone on Arrival
7/5/2015	22:06	Fireworks	7400 Stanich Av	A	Gone on Arrival

2016

6/28/2016	13:47	Fireworks	3408 Hunt St NW	G	Gone on Arrival
7/3/2016	20:53	Fireworks	7405 46th Ave NW	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2016	16:16	Fireworks	9815 Ridgeway Dr NW	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2016	18:15	Fireworks	3003 Harborview Dr	G	Gone on Arrival
7/4/2016	22:26	Fireworks	7235 North Creek Lp NW	U	Unfounded
7/4/2016	23:09	Fireworks	8324 Bayridge Ave	U	Unfounded
7/4/2016	23:40	Fireworks	Rosedale St/Shirley Ave	S	Solved on Arrival
7/5/2016	0:07	Fireworks	Ridgeway Dr NW/Vernhardson !	S	Solved on Arrival
7/5/2016	22:17	Fireworks	2601 Hollycroft St NW	S	Solved on Arrival

2017

7/2/2017	22:18	Fireworks	3222 Anne Marie Ct	G	Gone on Arrival
7/2/2017	22:31	Fireworks	6100 Soundview Dr	S	Solved on Arrival
7/3/2017	1:23	Fireworks	4115 Rosedale St	S	Solved on Arrival
7/3/2017	22:40	Fireworks	11400 Olympus Way	U	Unfounded
7/3/2017	22:40	Fireworks	Wagner Way/Wollochet Dr NW	U	Unfounded
7/4/2017	19:07	Fireworks	11620 Arrowhead Dr	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2017	21:18	Fireworks	11524 Drake Ln	P	Patrol Check
7/4/2017	23:12	Fireworks	Harborview Dr/Novak St	P	Patrol Check
7/5/2017	20:37	Fireworks	7405 46th Ave NW	S	Solved on Arrival
7/5/2017	21:46	Fireworks	7701 Skansie Ave	S	Solved on Arrival

2018

7/5/2018	22:54	Fireworks	8801 State Route 16W	S	Solved on Arrival
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2019

6/29/2019	22:07	Fireworks	11620 Arrowhead Dr	S	Solved on Arrival
6/30/2019	11:54	Shots Fired	3967 Scott Ln	S	Solved on Arrival
7/3/2019	15:11	Fireworks	8809 North Harborview Dr	P	Patrol Check
7/3/2019	21:58	Fireworks	5046 Mariner St	P	Patrol Check
7/4/2019	20:05	Fireworks	7506 Soundview Dr	P	Patrol Check
7/4/2019	21:15	Fireworks	4009 100th St Ct NW	U	Unfounded
7/4/2019	21:43	Fireworks	10991 Echo Rock Pl	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2019	22:21	Fireworks	5022 Mariner St	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2019	22:23	Fireworks	10991 Echo Rock Pl	P	Patrol Check
7/4/2019	22:34	Fireworks	10414 Peacock Hill Ave NW	G	Gone on Arrival

2020

6/29/2020	19:58	Fireworks	5500 Olympic Dr	S & V	Solved on Arrival & Verbal Warning
6/30/2020	20:51	Fireworks	3922 105th St Ct	G	Gone on Arrival
7/1/2020	20:02	Fireworks	Apollo Way/Peacock Hill Ave	S	Solved on Arrival
7/1/2020	20:34	Fireworks	10550 Harbor Hill Dr	G	Gone on Arrival
7/2/2020	21:48	Fireworks	11620 Arrowhead Dr	S	Solved on Arrival
7/3/2020	0:35	Fireworks	7102 Stinson Ave	G	Gone on Arrival
7/3/2020	21:12	Fireworks	10770 Harbor Hill Dr	S	Solved on Arrival
7/3/2020	21:21	Fireworks	4308 69th St Ct	G	Gone on Arrival
7/3/2020	21:39	Fireworks	11400 Olympus Way	S	Solved on Arrival
7/4/2020	21:41	Fireworks	Bujacich Rd/Sehmel Dr	P	Patrol Check
7/4/2020	23:08	Fireworks	9422 Ancich Ct	S	Solved on Arrival
7/5/2020	20:52	Fireworks	3922 105th St Ct	S	Solved on Arrival
7/5/2020	21:51	Fireworks	11321 Borgen Lp	V	Verbal Warning