




AGENDA
CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022
6:20 PM AT COMMUNITY CENTER, 528 MAIN STREET

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Safety Committee

1. Review of Fireworks Ordinance.
(30 Minutes, Acting Police Chief Mark Howard)



FIREWORKS ORDINANCE REVIEW 2022

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- **I. Proposal:**
 - *It shall be unlawful for any person to use or explode any consumer fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Falls except on July 3 and July 4 of each year between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:30 p.m.. This section shall not apply to novelties.*
- **Most straight forward/Consistent:**
 - No yearly campaign would be necessary
- **Could increase citizen complaints:**
 - Weekends (Saturdays) would still see usage
 - Increased enforcement



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- **II. Proposal:**
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to use or explode any consumer fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Falls except on July 3 and July 4 of each year between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:30 p.m.; provided, however, that if July 4 falls on a weekday (Monday through Friday) then the use and explosion of consumer fireworks shall also be allowed on the Saturday before July 4 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:30 p.m. This section shall not apply to novelties.
- **Consistent:**
 - If ordinance is known
 - Will require small yearly education campaign
- **Could reduce/Increase complaints:**
 - Saturdays always have increased usage
 - Adds another day of use that some won't want



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- **III. Proposal:**

- It shall be unlawful for any person to use or explode any consumer fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Falls except as designated by resolution of council which shall be adopted on an annual basis no later than the last day of December each year to apply to the following calendar year. This section shall not apply to novelties.

- **Inconsistent year to year:**

- Large educational campaign ever year
 - Hard to enforce without education
- Yearly debate
 - Days? How many?



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- **IV. Proposal:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or explode any consumer fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Falls except on July 3 and July 4 of each year between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:30 p.m. One additional day of allowed use may be designated by resolution of council which, if adopted, shall be adopted no later than the last day of December each year to apply to the following calendar year. This section shall not apply to novelties.

- **Consistency:**

- educational campaign ever year
 - Hard to enforce without education

- **Could reduce complaints about weekend night (Saturday)**

- Yearly debate
 - Days? How many?



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- Staff Recommendation:
 - Proposal I.Or
 - Proposal IV.

