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City Council

City of Olympia Fireworks Ban Reminder

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Issue:

This will be the first year of the personal use fireworks ban in Olympia which will affect July 4 celebrations. This is an opportunity to remind the general public of that ban. An ordinance banning personal fireworks in the City of Olympia was passed in November 2011 with a one year delay in effective date, per state law.

Committee Recommendation:

Informational only.

City Manager's Recommendation:

Informational only.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Rob Bradley, Fire Marshal

Steve Nelson, Deputy Police Chief

Background and Analysis:

In December 2011, the Olympia City Council passed an ordinance banning the use of personal fireworks within the City. This followed an advisory vote by the citizens on the November 8, 2011 ballot supporting a ban, 57.14% - 42.86%. The City of Lacey has a similar ban that was in effect in 2012. This is the first 4th of July holiday for the ban in Olympia.

Attached is a flyer issued jointly by the cities of Lacey and Olympia describing the ban and alternate celebration ideas including professionally operated public fireworks displays.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

N/A, informational only.

Financial Impact:

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