



MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: City Administrator Pete Capell
DATE: May 8, 2018
SUBJECT: Fireworks

On May 14, 2018, City Council will hold a Public Hearing to receive public testimony regarding fireworks regulations in the City of Camas. The City is asking for input on four possible scenarios below.

At the workshop on May 21, 2018, staff will ask Council to give direction to about how to proceed. If the recommendation is to change the City's current code, staff will work with the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to present to Council at the June 4, 2018 or June 18, 2018 Council Meeting (will take effect in 2019, one year after adoption, per [RCW 70.77.250\(4\)](#)).

The scenarios include:

1. Current City Code – Consumer fireworks may be **purchased and sold** within the City of Camas, of any year:

- July 2nd & 3rd – between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th – between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m./midnight
- July 5th – between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- December 29th – 31st – Between 12:00 p.m./noon and 11:00 p.m.

Consumer fireworks may be **discharged** within the City of Camas, of any year:

- July 3rd – between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th – between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m./midnight
- Between December 31st 6:00 p.m. and January 1st 1:00 a.m. of the subsequent year

2. Modify to allow fireworks on July 4th and New Years – Consumer fireworks may be **purchased and sold** within the City of Camas, of any year (no change):

- July 2nd & 3rd – between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th – between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m./midnight
- July 5th – between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- December 29th – 31st – Between 12:00 p.m./noon and 11:00 p.m.

Consumer fireworks may be **discharged** within the City of Camas, of any year: (the change is the elimination of July 3rd)

- July 4th – between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m./midnight
- Between December 31st 6:00 p.m. and January 1st 1:00 a.m. of the subsequent year

3. Safe and Sane Fireworks - The sale, purchase, possession or use of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than one foot into the air or more than six feet on the ground within the city of Camas, Washington, constitutes a public nuisance, and violators of this chapter may be subject to civil or criminal enforcement, or any other remedy allowed by law.
4. Ban all Fireworks - The sale, purchase, possession or use of fireworks within the City of Camas, Washington constitutes a public nuisance, and violators may be subject to civil or criminal enforcement, or any other remedy allowed by law.