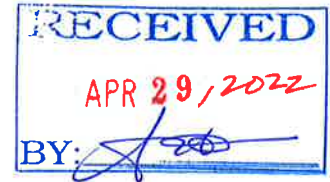


Regular Council Meeting
April 28, 2022



FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Email / eComment Report

The Following item(s) were commented on:

File ID 22-563, 1-E

BILL - (for introduction) - Amending the Fireworks Ordinance, FMC sections 10-55602.2 to 10-55602.4, to add liability for "social hosts" and increase the fine structure of the fireworks ordinance. (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Total number of emails: 2

Item(s)

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From: [Sutton FA \(Feleena\) at Aera](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 10:05:58 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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My name is Feleena Sutton. I reside in Councilmember Soria's district and am a lifelong resident of Fresno. My comments today are specific to item 1 -E Amending the Firework Ordinance.

My husband and I reside at 6379 W. Northdale Ave. This is a new area of construction where homes continue to be built and are at various stages of construction.

I ask you to imagine a quite evening at home with family when suddenly, without warning, live rounds of mortar fire are exploding around your home. I am confident when I use the word mortar fire because my husband proudly served in the United States Marine Corp and has firsthand experience with mortar fire.

Several times a year we witness numerous neighbors use illegal fireworks in a display of blatant disregard for public health & safety. My husband has made numerous reports to the city, yet nothing continues to be done which is why we were encouraged when we read about the introduction of the bill to amend the firework ordinance which is sponsored by both Fresno Fire and Police Departments.

Currently, police and fire investigators have to see someone lighting or discharging an illegal firework to cite them. If this is to continue without being amended, I truly believe you will never be able to stop illegal fireworks in Fresno. There simply are not enough public safety staff.

I ask the council to put all of your might behind Amending the Firework Ordinance and work swiftly to protect the health and safety of your members districts.

Thank you.

Thank you for your time.

Feleena Sutton
Pronouns: She/Her
Aera Energy LLC
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From: [Amanda Martin](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment Provided Verbally to the Clerk's Office - 1-E 22-563 Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:00:06 PM

Over the years (I have been a resident for 46 years), the illegal fireworks have been terrible. I wish they would go back to getting rid of all of them except for safe, public places. I am now afraid of Fourth of July. It is a terrifying night for fires, animals, and myself. Please consider banning fireworks and just have them at public events. Additionally, the fines are not all that helpful. In the past, unless the police had been able to see the person for themselves with the fireworks, they could not fine them. I don't think it would solve the problem at all.

District 1 Resident

