

**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** Hatfield, Meredith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support fireworks ban

Hi Janice:

Please put this in the public testimony file for the proposed fireworks ordinance.

Thank you!  
-Meredith

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**From:** Annmarie Timmins <[atimmins44@gmail.com](mailto:atimmins44@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** [jpbouley@comcast.net](mailto:jpbouley@comcast.net); Fennessy, Nathan; Sexton, Amanda; Keach, Fred; [chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net); [brenttoddconcord@gmail.com](mailto:brenttoddconcord@gmail.com); [pierce4council@comcast.net](mailto:pierce4council@comcast.net); Kretovic, Jennifer; Hatfield, Meredith; Werner, Robert; Kenison, Linda; Nyhan, Keith; Matson, Gail; Bouchard, Candace; Hawkins, Zandra-Rice  
**Subject:** Please support fireworks ban

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Sept. 9, 2020

Re: Proposed fireworks ban

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to ask you to support a ban on fireworks within city limits from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. I have been told this proposed ban will be up for a public hearing at your Sept. 14 meeting, but I cannot be sure because the agenda is not yet available on the City Council website.

I live in downtown Concord (62 S. State St.) and have been awoken numerous times by fireworks as late as 2 a.m. This sets off the dogs in the neighborhood, which adds to the disruption. This isn't one or two fireworks, it's a fireworks show.

I called the police department the first time this happened and was surprised to learn there are no rules limiting where or when fireworks can be used.

In addition to the noise annoyance, I have found firework debris in my yard, left there by neighbors shooting fireworks over my house. One neighbor at the intersection of Thompson and S. State streets even sets fireworks off from the street – at all hours.

I'd like to see a ban on fireworks within the downtown. But I'd settle for a limit on the hours.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Timmins

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**From:** Councilor <perce4council@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** J.C. Kershner  
**Cc:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: City Council happenings from August 10

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Thanks for the suggestion Mr. Kershner. Fireworks in some areas of the City don't seem to be a major problem but they are in other areas of the City. I am afraid that any limit other than exact times creates ambiguity. Also, enforcement depends on the police receiving a complaint and their discretion on writing a ticket, just like they do now with traffic violations.

Thanks again and I will pass your comments on the rest of the City Council.

Stay safe. Best regards.

Erle Pierce.

Sent from Erle's iPhone

On Aug 12, 2020, at 19:01, J.C. Kershner <[kershnerjc@yahoo.com](mailto:kershnerjc@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Pierce,

Thanks for the update.

Really, the only time I hear or see fireworks is on the nights surrounding Independence Day - certainly tolerable for even the worst stick in the mud. With dusk being around 9:00pm on July 4th I think the 10:00pm curfew is extreme. While it sounds like someone is making a much bigger deal about this than necessary, [or maybe just hates Independence Day] what about saying that "displays shall end no later than three hours after dusk"?

Highest Regards,

John Kershner

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 9:09 AM, Councilor Erle Pierce <[perce4council@comcast.net](mailto:perce4council@comcast.net)> wrote:

August 12, 2020

Good morning.

On Monday, August 10, The Concord City Council held a very active meeting with many issues being discussed. Highlights included the passing of an ordinance to allow for a drive-through restaurant in the parking lot of the Capital shopping center on Storrs St. The approval for the drive through is part of a larger development plan that will bring retail shops and restaurants to Storrs Street, across from the Parking garage. The plan isn't perfect but I voted for the

ordinance as a Planning Board member and again as a City Councilor and see it as a great first step that can be taken immediately to further develop and expand our Downtown.

A new fireworks ordinance was introduced and scheduled for a public hearing on September 14. The ONLY purpose of the proposed ordinance is to prohibit the discharge of fireworks between the hours of 10PM and 10AM. I championed this effort at the request of several constituents and see this small restriction as a matter of respect for one another as opposed to needless regulation.

You can let your thoughts be known on this issue by sending an email to the Concord City Council at: [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov)

The last item we discussed at Monday's meeting was the issue of requiring the wearing of face masks in public places. This item has been "fast tracked" and a committee will bring a draft ordinance forward for discussion at a special Council meeting on Monday, August 17. A public hearing has been scheduled for August 31 via Zoom.

Again, you can make your thoughts known on this issue by sending an email to the Concord City Council at: [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov)

If you choose to send your thoughts to me on these two issues, I will share them with the entire City Council, unless you tell me otherwise.

Stay well and safe.

Best regards.

***Erle Pierce***

Ward 2 City Councilor

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***The above memo represents my opinion and actions only. Unless otherwise stated, it does not represent the opinions or actions of the Concord City Council. Please feel free to contact me anytime at: [pierce4council@comcast.net](mailto:pierce4council@comcast.net) or on my mobile at 603-496-1665. Thank you. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please notify me.***

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**From:** City council <perce4council@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** bnltravel  
**Cc:** Kretovic, Jennifer; Sexton, Amanda; Aspell, Thomas; Linda Kenison; \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: Fireworks

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Thank you for letting us know Barbara.  
Without objection, I will ask that this message be made part of the public record.  
Erle Pierce  
603-496-1665

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 23, 2020, at 08:44, bnltravel <[bnltravel@aol.com](mailto:bnltravel@aol.com)> wrote:

Last night the fireworks went on for about 2 hours and after driving around after 10pm looking for the location they were being set off from, I found that they were coming from down on the Merrimack River just north of the prison farm which is directly behind Abbott Village. The way the sound carries on the water and echoes off the granite at Swenson's I'm living in a perfect storm. With all of the windows closed and the conditioner running I still had to keep turning up the TV. My daughter who suffers from Migraine headaches was totally miserable and her service dog needed to be tranquilized for the night.

I just want you aware of the frequency and severity of the fireworks in the west end of the city. I called the police on Friday night but realized the police had no way to get to the location on Saturday night so I didn't call them.

I would suggest that all councillors read Article 13-6-1 concerning noise in the city. The duration last night was 2 hours going off every 5 minutes or so. The sound off the water was magnified. My life is becoming a living hell and the question comes up why don't you just move. Well I love my home but I have been looking at homes for several months but there isn't much inventory to choose from and whose to say my new neighbor won't light fireworks off every day from 10am until 10pm as the city is proposing to be acceptable

The city has a responsibility to limit the use of firework as 20 other cities have done and limit the use of fireworks to July 4th only in order to meet the current Article on noise.

I will be calling the Concord Monitor next week to see if they will do an article about this and the disruption of life for many of us that live with someone disabled or with PTSD, or with service animals or pets or small children.

I ask any of you would you like to go into surgery knowing your surgeon was up all night because of fireworks or what about just trusting your very tired doctor wrote the correct prescription due to lack of sleep.

You have chosen to be our Public servants and voice please look at the current article and evaluate if requesting fireworks be allowed for 12 hours everyday follows the current law. I think you are going backwards rather than forward.

Sorry for the length of this but after not sleeping for 2 nights I'm rather wound up.

**Barbara Johns**

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone