

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Hatfield, Meredith
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: Fw: Fireworks in Concord

Hi Janice:

Below is additional testimony for the fireworks item.

Thank you,
Meredith

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I support a ban on fireworks downtown. Many friends and neighbors in downtown Concord complain of the fireworks disturbing their nights. The unregulated fireworks lead to disturbed nights for people with PTSD, families with young children, families with dogs.

One night I was on a Zoom meeting with other Concord residents and the fireworks going off in the background of all our respective Zoom backgrounds caused us to jump. Sometimes the fireworks are so loud that I think it might be gunshots.

I am fortunate that the fireworks are not as close to me as they are to other friends who live closer to Main St., but I do hear fireworks on a regular basis.

I believe the ban should be in effect from 8 pm to 8 am.

Thank you,

Megan De Vorse
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TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE
SUBMITTED BY CHARLES A. RUSSELL
CONCORD RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER

I SUPPORT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF FIREWORKS, BUT FEEL PROPOSED ONE DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH. MY FAMILY, MANY NEIGHBORS, AND SCORES OF OTHERS IN CONCORD FIND EXPLODING FIREWORKS AS VERY OFFENSIVE AND DISRUPTIVE TO THEIR PEACE AND QUIET, AND PRIVACY IN FRIGHTENING CHILDREN, PETS, AND PEOPLE ALIKE. PERMITTING USAGE UP TO 10 PM WILL DISTURB THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO BED EARLIER. FIREWORKS SHOULD BE OUTRIGHT BANNED RATHER THAN JUST LIMITING HOURS OF USE, MANY OTHER N.H. COMMUNITIES HAVE BANNED FIREWORKS, INCLUDING NASHUA, EXETER, AND MANCHESTER. SOME FIRST TRIED LIMITING HOURS OF USE, BUT SHIFTED TO OUTRIGHT BANS WHEN THOSE TIME BASED MEASURES DIDN'T WORK. I ALWAYS THOUGHT CONCORD, AS N.H. CAPITOL, WAS A LEADER, AND AHEAD OF THE CURVE, FOR OTHER N.H. CITIES AND TOWNS, BUT NOT SO ON FIREWORKS LAWS. THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER WHY FIREWORKS USE IS PERMITTED AT ALL, (OTHER THAN PUBLIC HOLIDAY DISPLAYS), WHAT IS LIMITED BENEFIT TO SOME USING FIREWORKS VERSUS BURDEN PLACED ON MAJORITY OF CONCORD RESIDENTS FROM RANDOM FIREWORKS EXPLOSIONS YEAR ROUND? THE CITY OUTRIGHT BAN THEM. 09122020