

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Barbara Johns <bnltravel@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:04 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Fireworks Ordinance

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To Whom it May Concern;

Since returning from Florida on May 21st, I have been able to enjoy only 3 or 4 nights of quiet enjoyment in my home at Abbott Village in West Concord. This area has become the fireworks district of the City with extremely loud booms almost every night from about 8:30 pm until 10:30 pm. These are not small firecrackers they are more the M-80 type that lift you from your chair when they go off. I am asking our City Officials to change the current ordinance to only allow fireworks within the city limits to be set off only on the 4th of July. I am asking this so that I may return to the Quiet Enjoyment of my home that I believe that I am entitled to. My daughter who lives with me has debilitating migraine headaches and this has really effected the quality of her life as well as that of her Service Dog that we have had to tranquilize almost every night to get through this noise. There are several Veterans and small babies that also should not have to endure this night after night.

This is not the first Summer we have had to endure this, last year while enjoying the evening on my back balcony, I had to run into the house to avoid catching on fire. Neighbors on N. State Street were lighting off fireworks in their small yard and they had two options of where to aim them, toward the street or toward the woods. This became a problem because the woods in their backyard abuts our balconies and there is not adequate space to light off traveling fireworks. I am sure that they were not aware of how close we are or the distance these fireworks in reds, blues and greens would travel. This is the problem with amateurs setting off fireworks.

I would like to ask if you could change this Ordinance to require fireworks only be set off by property owners with a 2+ acre lot for the protection of neighbors and only on the 4th of July out of respect of our many Vets with PTSD, our family pets and all of the new babies with very sensitive hearing that this is traumatizing on a daily basis.

My neighbors have been calling the Police Dept nightly. Last night as they started to go off several people jumped into their cars and we all raced out of here in different direction trying to find who was lighting them because they don't always come from the same direction. We found the general area last night and I believe a police car was dispatched to that area. This is the 4th area we have located in our neighborhood so this problem isn't just one guy lighting them off it is several. While I was driving around I stopped to ask twice if the people I came upon could direct me to the area where the noise was coming from last night and both of these families expressed frustration with the constant noise that we have to put up with.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and I am sure many people would be so relieved to not have to deal with this night after night.

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From: Caroline <carolinecf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:35 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Request for change of fireworks ordinance in City of Concord

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Dear Janice,

I have been a resident of Concord for approximately 5 years. I'm writing to request that the City Council consider setting off fireworks and other explosives illegal in the city of Concord except on the 4th of July during a set window of time. We have been experiencing numerous very loud explosion sounds on multiple nights of the week, predominantly in the summer, for at least 2 years, between the hours of 8p to midnight. We have called the police on at least 3 occasions as they are quite disturbing to the peace and well being of the residents. We have seen evidence at the riverfront on Moreno Trail (2020) and also 451 N. State (2020) street as well as Dolan st in 2019.

Please consider this request due to some of the examples as follows;

- our dog and many other animals in the area are terrified of the loud explosive noise and require medication to calm them afterward. They are too scared to go outside to use the bathroom or walk
- there are war veterans in the area that have PTSD and cannot tolerate the explosive sounds
- there are babies and young children as well as residents sleeping due to working early the next day that are awoken and frightened by the noise