

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 28, 2005

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COUNTY REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE AND SALE OF
FIREWORKS**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors direct the County Fire Chief and County Counsel to review the current county regulations and penalties regarding the personal use and the sale of fireworks and make recommendations for future improvements.

BACKGROUND:

While the County has prohibited the personal use and the sale of fireworks in unincorporated areas for some time now, there continues to be violations of this policy. It is critical that we make every effort to discourage this behavior, especially since our county is subject to extreme fire hazards and long and volatile fire seasons.

The illegal use of fireworks can also be extremely frightening for the general public. The startling, unanticipated sights and piercing sounds from illegal fireworks can cause severe trauma to citizens and their pets. In some cases, pets can experience permanent emotional damage after a fireworks display in close proximity to their dwelling.

I urge the Board to direct our County Fire Chief and County Counsel to review the penalties for the use and sale of illegal fireworks and make recommendations to the Board for strengthening these penalties to further discourage these unlawful practices.

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MARION ASHLEY
5TH District Supervisor