

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



**ITEM: 3.50
(ID # 19274)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 07, 2022

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve the 2022 Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan and Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A., All Districts. [Total Cost - \$100,000; General Fund Contingency 100%]
4/5th Vote Required

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the 2022 Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan; and
1. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A

ACTION:Policy, 4/5 Vote Required

Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

6/2/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 7, 2022
xc: E.O.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Contingency Funds – 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	21/22

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On May 11, 2021 (Agenda Item 3.39), the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 858.2, prohibiting illegal fireworks and approved the Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan. Ordinance 858.2 includes:

- Allowance for the sale and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks on the Fourth of July by permit at authorized county site designated by the Fire Chief.
- Addition of property owner liability which authorizes enforcement against property owner or person in charge of property where a fireworks violation is occurring, even if the property owner is not the specific person engaging in the behavior.
- Addition of Administrative Civil Penalty which authorizes a civil penalty for violation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the second offense within thirty-six (36) months, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent offense within thirty-six (36) months. Violators would have the ability to appeal the administrative citation.

In 2021, a working group was established to create the Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan (Action Plan). The working group reconvened in May 2022 to revisit the Action Plan to ensure best practices from the previous year are implemented for the upcoming holiday. The Action Plan includes:

- Establishing Riverside County Sheriff Department (RSO) as the lead agency for deployment and enforcement.
- Staffing integration and deployment from RSO, Code Enforcement and Riverside County Fire Department.
- The issuance of citations.

The Code Enforcement Department will work in conjunction with the Sheriff and Fire Departments for the issuance of the civil penalties included in the ordinance. The estimated cost for Code Enforcement to ramp up staffing using overtime for a period before and through July 4th is approximately \$30,000. The anticipated cost was not previously budgeted and will require a new commitment from the general fund contingency in the current fiscal year. An advertising campaign is planned to educate residents on the dangers of fireworks and the penalties for violation of the ordinance. The messaging campaign will include billboards and a Public Service Announcement that will include collaboration with all stakeholders. The estimated

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cost of \$40,000 for the messaging campaign was not previously budgeted and will require a new commitment from the general fund contingency in the current fiscal year. Additionally, the Transportation and Land Management Agency will be utilizing twenty (20) changeable message sign rentals for messaging with an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Residents can visit <https://www.riversidesheriff.org/555/Fireworks> or call the Riverside County hotline at (800) 950-2444 to report the use of illegal fireworks within Unincorporated Riverside County.

The Fire Department will be conducting further study on the potential use of Safe and Sane Fireworks for 2023, and discussing that with the working group in order to provide a recommendation and potential approach for implementation. Amongst the information to be included in that analysis are a review of how it's implemented in other jurisdiction; consideration and coordination with our Cities (the majority of which do not permit Safe and Sane); and the process for determining potential sites and vendors.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

A robust public information campaign and enforcement program will enhance the safety of our communities by lessening the risks associated with illegal fireworks.

ATTACHMENT:

A. Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan

SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 20/21

Decrease appropriations:		
10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for contingencies	\$100,000
Anticipated increase of unassigned fund balance:		
10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$100,000
Increase appropriations:		
10000-3140100000-523230	Miscellaneous Expense	\$30,000
10000-1102900000-523230	Miscellaneous Expense	\$70,000
	Total	\$100,000
Anticipated use of unassigned fund balance:		
10000-3140100000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$30,000
10000-1102900000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$70,000
	Total	\$100,000

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Heydee Koury
Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 6/2/2022

Rebecca S Cortez
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 6/2/2022

County of Riverside

Action Plan for Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Campaign

Illegal fireworks are reported year-round throughout Riverside County. The majority of these reports are during major holiday periods such as Independence Day, July 4th and New Year's Eve, December 31st. The listed action plan outlined is a collaborative effort on curtailing illegal fireworks through enforcement and education during the Independence weekend of July 1st to July 4th, 2022.

Enforcement

- a. The Riverside County Sheriff Department's (RSO) will be the lead agency for deployment and enforcement. Each patrol station within each district will have dedicated Deputy Sheriff's assigned to the unincorporated areas for fireworks related enforcement during peak evening hours. The dedicated units will also be supplemented by standard patrol deputies.
 - i. Deputies will focus their efforts on areas where the most issues are reported and/or observed. This approach is data driven and focuses on areas previously identified as having high fireworks activity.
 - ii. Deputies will cite and release observed violators. Fireworks will be collected and properly disposed of by the Sheriff's Hazardous Device Team.
 - iii. Criminal tips related to fireworks submitted through the Sheriff's Internet page will be followed-up by the respective patrol station and enforcement will be taken when appropriate.
 - iv. Misdemeanor filings of the ordinance will be submitted to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
 - v. Enforcement efforts and seizures will be published through Press Releases to inform and educate County residents.
 - vi. Deputies will continue to conduct year-round enforcement through routine patrol calls for service.
 - vii. Code Enforcement will distribute Administrative Citation Books to the Sheriff's Department as needed. Deputy Sheriff's will have the ability to issue an administrative citation for a violation of the ordinance throughout the year and submit to Code Enforcement for processing
 - viii. Code Enforcement officers will ride along with Deputies in RSO vehicles and issue administrative citations for violations of the ordinance.

- b. The Riverside County Fire Department will increase their Peace Officer staffing during the enforcement period and will integrate with RSO and Code.
 - i. The Fire Department's Law Enforcement Division will be deployed throughout the county and take appropriate enforcement.
 - ii. The primary function for Fire Stations will be to respond to fires quickly.
 - iii. The Fire Department will provide instructions on how residents can surrender illegal fireworks to designated fire stations around the county.

- c. Code Enforcement Officers will be assigned between the Lake Elsinore, Jurupa, Perris, Hemet & Thermal patrol stations as needed.
 - i. Code Enforcement Officers will work a modified (nighttime) shift on Friday, July 1st through Monday, July 4th.
 - ii. Code Enforcement will deploy 10 Officers, two per District, each accompanying a Sheriff Deputy in an RSO vehicle.
 - iii. Code Enforcement Officers will attend RSO briefings prior to deployment each night and will be paired with Deputy Sheriff's.
 - iv. Once RSO has secured the scene and obtained a valid ID from the person or persons responsible for igniting, purchasing, or possessing illegal fireworks, Code Enforcement Officers will respond to a location when requested to do so over the PSEC Radio and issue an Administrative Citation.
 - v. Hours of operation and points of deployment to be determined.

Messaging Campaign

- 2022 Campaign Message: **"You Light It, We'll Write It"**
- Digital messaging boards will be used throughout the county to educate the public on the campaign message.
- Changeable Messaging Signs (CMS) will be placed at strategic locations throughout the unincorporated areas with messaging on ordinance changes and penalties.
- Public Service Announcements (PSA)
 - a. Fire, Code Enforcement, and the Sheriff Department have worked collaboratively on a series of PSA's geared towards educating the public on the dangers of illegal fireworks, enforcement, and penalties.
 - b. PSA's will be displayed on all social media platforms and websites.

No second chances -
Break the law, that's it

10:36

Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Daqil Terrell

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: 6-7-22 Agenda # 3.50

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

Support Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. **Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.**

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.