

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



ITEM: 3.7  
(ID # 25216)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve the 2024 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 - \$35,000; General Fund Contingency 100%] (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the 2024 Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan; and
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

*Michelle Paradise*  
Michelle Paradise, ACEO 6/7/2024

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Perez  
Date: June 11, 2024  
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By: *Marilyn Li*  
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$35,000	\$0	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$35,000	\$0	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Contingency Funds – 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 23/24 – 24/25</b>	

**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 which includes:

- Allowance for the sale and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks on the Fourth of July by permit at authorized county sites 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 will 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 Action Plan includes:

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

Code Enforcement will continue to work in conjunction with RSO and the Fire Department for the issuance of the civil penalties included in the ordinance. An advertising campaign has been designed to educate residents on the dangers of fireworks and the penalties for violation of the ordinance. The messaging campaign will include social media outreach, billboards and a public service announcement that will include collaboration with all stakeholders. Additionally, the Transportation and Land Management Agency will place twenty-two (22) changeable message sign rentals for messaging in both English and Spanish, in both Western and Eastern County. The signs will be placed at the following locations from June 23, 2024 to July 5, 2024:

**Western County Locations**

1. On Ramona Expressway, west of Bernasconi Rd facing Eastbound

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2. On Cajalco Rd, west of Harvill Rd facing Westbound
3. On Cajalco Rd, east of Temescal Canyon Rd facing Eastbound
4. On Domenigoni Parkway, east of Leon Rd facing Eastbound
5. On Clinton Keith Rd, east of Menifee Rd facing Eastbound
6. On Grand Ave, west of Santa Rosa Dr facing Eastbound
7. On Van Buren Blvd, west of Washington Street (near Farmer Boys) facing Westbound
8. On Gilman Springs Rd, east of Alessandro Blvd facing Eastbound
9. Highway 74, north of Wassen Canyon Rd facing Northbound
10. Rancho California Rd, east of Butterfield Stage Rd facing Eastbound
11. EL Cerrito Rd, east of the I-15 NB Ramps facing Eastbound
12. Bedford Canyon Rd, south of Foothill Pkwy facing Southbound

English Message

First Panel: IF YOU LIGHT IT WE WILL WRITE IT

Second Panel: UP TO A \$5,000 FINE

**Eastern County Locations**

1. On Harrison St, south of 54<sup>th</sup> Ave facing Southbound
2. On 4<sup>th</sup> St, between Grapefruit Blvd and Hammond Rd before entering traffic circle facing Eastbound
3. On Grapefruit Ave, south of Airport Blvd facing Southbound
4. On Airport Blvd, west of Polk St facing Westbound
5. On 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, east of Cleveland St facing Eastbound
6. On Ramon Rd, east of Varner Rd facing Eastbound (English)
7. On 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, east of Washington St facing Eastbound (English)
8. On Monterey Ave, north of Varner Rd facing Northbound
9. On Dillon Rd, east of Bubbling Wells Rd facing Eastbound (English)
10. On Dillon Rd, west of 1000 Palms Canyon Rd facing Westbound (English)

Spanish Message

First Panel: Si lo Enciendes, Nosotros te Sancionamos

Second Panel: Con una multa de hasta \$5,000

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.

**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. **Schedule A**

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**SCHEDULE A.      BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 23/24**

Decrease appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for contingencies	\$35,000
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Anticipated increase of unassigned fund balance:

10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$35,000
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Increase appropriations:

10000-1102900000-523230	Miscellaneous Expense	\$35,000
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Anticipated use of unassigned fund balance:

10000-1102900000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$35,000
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*Heydee Koury*  
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Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor      5/30/2024

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
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Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst      6/4/2024

*Michelle Paradise*  
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Michelle Paradise, ACEO      6/5/2024