



Emergency Ordinance 2172: Mandatory Fireworks Penalties

City Council, June 18, 2018

Background

- Fireworks currently prohibited
 - General prohibition and exceptions/permit (Fire Code 5601.1.3)
 - Parks properties (C.C.R.M.C 7-1008(a-b))
- No general minimum penalty established for Code violations (subject to court fee schedule and discretion/statutory maximum)



Impact of Illegal Fireworks

- Threat of personal injury and property damage
 - At least 2 structure fires in 2017
- Effect on quality of life (noise/odor)
- Impact on police, fire, and emergency medical services (especially during holidays)

PD CFS	June	July	August
2017	57	369	22
2016	54	259	18



Ordinance 2172

- Mandatory penalties for fireworks:
 - \$500.00 for first offense
 - \$1,000.0 for each subsequent offense
- Other penalties and assessments still apply
 - Potential imprisonment
 - Fees and court costs
 - Restitution for damage and fireworks destruction
- Declares emergency & makes emergency findings
- Effective immediately



Action Options

- Move to introduce and approve Ordinance 2172 as an emergency ordinance
- Amend Ordinance 2172
- Postpone Ordinance 2172 to a future meeting





Questions?

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