

POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE FOR VOTE OF ELECTORATE ON FIREWORKS BAN

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The financial impact of placing this ordinance before the electorate would vary depending on when the matter appears on the ballot. Representatives of the County Registrar of Voters Office have informed the City Clerk that the cost of adding this matter to the February 5, 2008 ballot would be approximately \$231,000, while the cost to add to the November 2008 ballot would be approximately \$7,969.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council consider whether the draft ordinance should be placed on the ballot for a vote by the electorate.

If the City Council determines that the matter should be placed on the ballot, the City Council should determine when the draft ordinance should appear on the ballot, adopt the attached resolutions and direct staff to take any additional steps necessary to place this matter on the ballot, including consolidating this special election with the County's Presidential Primary Election and soliciting ballot arguments in support of and opposing the measure. The attached resolutions are drafted for the February 5, 2008 election in case the City Council decides to place the draft ordinance on the ballot on that date.

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Attachment: Draft Ordinance Banning Fireworks
Election Resolutions