

**SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO: 578

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of South King Fire and Rescue (aka KCFPD #39), King County, Washington, encouraging the King County Council to amend Proposed Ordinance 2020-0109 as suggested by the King County Fire Commissioners Association and to support the County Council adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2020-0109 as amended

WHEREAS, The King County Council committee meeting of the whole has before it a Proposed Ordinance 2020-0109 Unincorporated King County Fireworks Ban; and

WHEREAS, The King County Fire Commissioners Association, a body of Elected Fire Officials representing local fire districts and Regional Fire Authorities (RFA's) has submitted 2 proposed amendments to strengthen the enforcement of the proposed Fireworks Ban Ordinance 2020-0109; and

WHEREAS, citizens of all ages suffer debilitating injuries or loss of life during the use of fireworks and damage and destruction to property results from use and modification of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, local fire departments, at great added expense to taxpayers, have to staff additional fire engines and aid cars to respond to the increasing numbers of injured citizens and wildland/brush and structural fires, for which local taxpayers have to shoulder the financial burden during the New Year's and July 4th holidays;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue that the King County Council Committee of the Whole amend Proposed Ordinance 2020-0109 Unincorporated King County Fireworks Ban so as to provide:

a. That the misdemeanor penalty for repeated violation of the possession and/or use of fireworks in the Fireworks Ban Ordinance be doubled for each subsequent violation of the fireworks ban ordinance after the first violation.

b. That the proposed fireworks ban ordinance include a Gross Misdemeanor penalty for the possession and/or use of fireworks that cause injury or death of a person(s) and/or damage or destruction of property. Subsequent violations after a second violation shall be a Reckless Endangerment charge. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the King County Council Committee of the Whole, should approve Proposed Ordinance 2020-0109 Unincorporated King County Fireworks Ban as amended and forward the same to the full council with a "do pass" recommendation and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue support the Public and/or Private Fireworks Displays by licensed Pyrotechnicians approved by the Washington State Fire Marshal and under site-specific permits by the King County Fire Marshal, and that such displays shall be exempt from the proposed Fireworks Ban Ordinance.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue this 25th day of August, 2020 with the following Commissioners being present and voting.

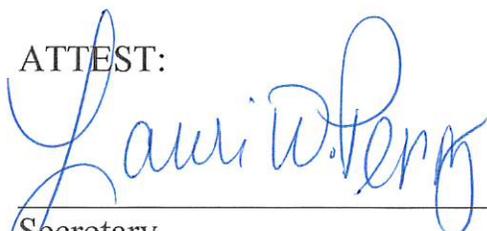

CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONER


VICE CHAIR/COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Secretary