



Fireworks Social Host Ordinance

April 22, 2019





RECOMMENDATION

- **WAIVE FIRST READING AND INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE REDWOOD CITY CODE REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION TO ADD AN ARTICLE III REGARDING FIREWORKS**



BACKGROUND

- **JANUARY 2014 - COUNCIL ADOPTED ORDINANCE #2402**
 - **PROHIBITING “SAFE AND SANE” FIREWORKS**
- **JANUARY 2017 – COUNCIL ADOPTED ORDINANCE #2429**
 - **CONTINUED TO PROHIBIT “SAFE AND SANE” FIREWORKS**
- **APRIL 2018 – COUNCIL ADOPTED AN INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE FINES**
- **STAFF DIRECTED TO EVALUATE SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE**



BACKGROUND (CONT.)

- **ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES**
 - **ILLEGAL AND “SAFE AND SANE”
FIREWORKS ARE EASY TO OBTAIN**
 - **STAFFING CHALLENGES**
 - **IDENTIFYING PERSON RESPONSIBLE**



ANALYSIS

- **FIREWORKS SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE (SHO)**
 - **AT LEAST 12 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES CURRENTLY HAVE A FIREWORKS SHO**
 - **IMPROVES ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES**



ANALYSIS (CONT.)

- **CRAFTED TO AVOID NARROW APPLICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY**
- **WOULD APPLY TO A PERSON WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO USE, POSSESS OR OCCUPY A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER A LEASE, PERMIT, LICENSE, RENTAL AGREEMENT, OR CONTRACT**



ANALYSIS (CONT.)

- **COULD BE APPLIED TO ANY PERSON WHO HOSTS, ORGANIZES, SUPERVISES, OFFICIATES, CONDUCTS, OR ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR A GATHERING ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY**
- **THIS WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL TOOL FOR ENFORCEMENT**
- **NOT INTENDED TO BE USED TO SEEK OUT VIOLATIONS**



PUBLIC OUTREACH

- **MET WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION LEADERS FROM 14 OF THE 17 NEIGHBORHOODS - MARCH 5**
- **IF ADOPTED WILL PUBLICIZE THROUGH:**
 - **CITY'S ELECTRONIC & PRINT NEWSLETTERS**
 - **SOCIAL MEDIA**



PUBLIC OUTREACH (CONT.)

- **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**
- **CONTACT WITH MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY OWNERS**
- **POSTED ON CITY'S WEBPAGE**
- **PRINTED MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES**



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