



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF WEATHER EMERGENCY AND IMPOSITION OF EMERGENCY MEASURE BANNING FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE

WHEREAS, the Willamette Valley, including Wilsonville, Oregon is already experiencing significant drought conditions, exacerbated by more than a week of record breaking hot dry temperatures (four days over 100 degrees) and predicted 90 degree weather through the Fourth of July; and

WHEREAS, last year Oregon experienced unprecedented wildfires resulting in widespread and devastating losses of life and property; and

WHEREAS in the recent past a devastating wildfire was caused by careless use of fireworks in the Columbia River Gorge; and

WHEREAS several local jurisdictions in the Portland area and in Southwest Washington have already banned the use of and, in some cases, the sale of fireworks due the extreme weather danger; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's local police power to protect health and safety of the community, emergency management measures are required to reduce the possibility of a devastating fire due to use of fireworks under these extremely volatile conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, to address the severity of this dangerous condition and to quickly to protect the health, safety and welfare of people, wildlife and property in the City, and with support of City and County law enforcement and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, I, as Mayor of Wilsonville, acting on behalf of the Wilsonville City Council, with a majority of the City Council providing me with their concurrence, do hereby declare the existence of an emergency weather situation in the City and hereby ban the use of any and all fireworks within the City limits, effective immediately and remaining in place until July 10, 2021.

The current situation and conditions are:

- Extreme heat and dry drought conditions
- The upcoming 4th of July holiday, traditionally involving widespread use of fireworks by the public
- The highly flammable nature of fireworks under dry, hot weather conditions.

The geographic boundaries of the emergency are:

- City of Wilsonville City limits

The City may implement the following measures, as reasonably required to protect public health, safety and welfare:

- Redirect City funds for emergency use, as needed.

- Order additional law enforcement patrols and the use of citations and confiscation to enforce this order.
- Any other measure found to be necessary for the protection of life, property, and the environment.

FURTHER, we (I) direct the City Emergency Management Agency to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, we (I) declare that if all appropriate and available local resources have been (or are expected to be) expended, the Acting City Manager is empowered to obtain any emergency mutual aid assistance, as needed and if needed.

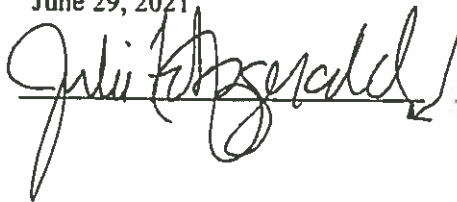
This declaration shall take effect immediately and shall continue until July 10, 2021. The Emergency order may be further extended depending on weather conditions.

DATE:

WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL (at least 3)

June 29, 2021

Mayor Julie Fitzgerald



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Title:

Acting City Manager