

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE STEVENS DIRECTING SNOHOMISH COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIALS TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AN ADVISORY BALLOT MEASURE ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE POSSESSION, SALE AND DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS BE MADE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS

WHEREAS, Lake Stevens Municipal Code Section 9.64 currently regulates the sale and discharge of consumer fireworks with the City; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, and particularly around the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve celebrations, the City Council and Lake Stevens Police Department receive input and reports from citizens of property and life safety issues and impacts related to the sale, possession and discharge of consumer fireworks with the City; and

WHEREAS, many residents with the community have expressed their enjoyment and desire to continue the purchase, possession and discharge of consumer fireworks within Lake Stevens; and

WHEREAS, the City council of the City of Lake Stevens has considered the concerns received from residents on each side of the issue, and desires to provide all of its residents an opportunity to provide input to the City Council on the issue in a manner that is transparent to the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Lake Stevens City Council by the adoption of this resolution hereby requests that Snohomish County Election Officials place on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 general election the following proposition before the duly registered voters of Lake Stevens:
2. A proposed Ballot title is attached as Exhibit 1.

Passed by majority vote of the Lake Stevens City Council in open meeting this 22nd day of June, 2021.


KIM DAUGHTRY, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



CLERK, KELLY CHELIN

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 6/22/21
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 6/22/21
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EXHIBIT A
BALLOT TITLE FOR FIREWORKS ADVISORY BALLOT MEASURE

Name of Jurisdiction: City of Lake Stevens

Short Title: Fireworks Ban Advisory Ballot Measure

Ballot Title: Should the possession, sale and discharge of consumer fireworks be
made illegal within the city limits of the city of Lake Stevens?

Response: YES ___
 NO ___

ATTACHMENT TO CITY ATTORNEY LETTER

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
Advisory Ballot Proposition – Fireworks Ban

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (For Voter’s Pamphlet)

The City Council for the City of Lake Stevens in the interest of public safety is considering the approval of an ordinance that would ban or make illegal the possession, sale and discharge of consumer fireworks within the jurisdictional limits of the City. Injury to real property as well as personal injury occurs to varying degree each fireworks season related to personal possession and use of fireworks. In order to assist the City Council in making a decision whether or not to approve an ordinance banning personal fireworks within the City, an advisory ballot measure giving voters with the City an opportunity to state their personal preference for or against such a ban has been placed on the general election ballot. The Lake Stevens City Council will consider the result of the advisory ballot measure in their decision making on the issue of whether or not to approve an ordinance making consumer fireworks illegal within the City. The ballot measure is advisory only and will not result in any fiscal or other impacts, regardless of the outcome of the vote on the ballot measure.