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- The fireworks are so bad, I'm scared my house will catch fire. Nonstop until 1 am
- The neighborhood behind us is extremely noisy near and on July 4. The fireworks start the day before and end the day after, with the 4th being the most disruptive day. We're not talking little fireworks, but HUGE ones that shake our windows and scare our dogs half to death. I'm very angered by the noise and the way it effects our dogs. We get little sleep on those three nights and would love to see something done. It's a whole neighborhood behind us that participates and if an officer just parked on that street, he/she could witness just how much illegal fireworks are being set off.
- Limit all fireworks in neighborhoods, encourage people to attend the public firework display at Edgewater on July 4. Police all the illegal and dangerous stuff that is fired off weeks before and after the 4th. It has gotten out of hand.
- I have no problem with private use of fireworks on the Fourth when kept within the current guidelines. But loud concussion sounds are extremely annoying and are heard both before and after the Fourth.
- I do believe there were too many personal fireworks last year. I think people should be able to set of fireworks. I do feel bad for my dog when fireworks are never ending and go far beyond midnight.
- The crazy large blasts into the wee hours are awful.
- I don't think you have the resources to adequately enforce and more ordinance. Neighbors should patrol and report their own neighbors who violate current ordinance.
- They start several days before the 4th and continue days after as well. Go till 2am. Also they are a fire hazard. Every year there are house fires.

- Everyone buys fireworks outside of city limits and lights them at home. There are professional grade fireworks that go off until 2am each year. Please restrict the hours and consider neighborhood enforcement.
- We frequently have fireworks debris in our yard, which is annoying.
- How about an 11a-11p timeframe for fireworks (or 10a-10p)? Everyone always wants to push the envelope, so if the end time is midnight, we are still hearing them at 1:30a.
- I was born & raised in Mount Vernon and have lived in my current home within the city limits for over 23 years. Every year, more and more people are not limiting themselves to the use of safe & sane fireworks within the noon to midnight timeframe as allowed by city rules. Every year it gets worse. The MVPD is not able to police all the people who break the rules. July 4, 2020 was particularly LOUD, FRIGHTENING, and caused me concern about my house catching fire when the errant fireworks landed on my roof. My dog and I were huddled together when the EXCEPTIONALLY LOUD and obviously illegal fireworks were detonated. It's a shame that a few people who are purchasing obviously illegal fireworks spoil it for everyone else. I support the total ban of fireworks within the City of Mount Vernon. Others cities totally BAN fireworks, why can't Mount Vernon.?
- Really hope we can have fireworks at edgewater again.
- I would like to see the Edgewater Park fireworks return for July 4, masks required if we are still needing to wear them
- If people obeyed the law, it might be tolerable, but many go on for 4 -5 nights. I served during Vietnam but, fortunately, don't suffer from PTSD. I feel sorry for those who do on night sit sounds like a war zone.
- Please do not take away our holiday
- It is one day a year the same folks that want them banned were kids once themselves and i will bet they enjoyed fireworks themselves .
- I believe fireworks should be allowed to set off on the 4th of July. The current rules are fine and should not be changed

- I live in the Hillcrest Park/18th Street neighborhood. Every year I am completely floored by the use of illegal/non-safe and sane fireworks within a 1 mile radius of my home. These are often used outside of the 12 hour timeframe for fireworks and into the early morning hours. It can sound like a war zone! I am often very concerned for debris sparking a house fire, the terrifying noise level and how it might trigger PTSD for some community members or impact animals. However, I don't know how to suggest utilizing law enforcement to handle these outliers who disregard city ordinances. I know LE resources are already stretched with other criminal situations and emergencies. It's definitely a conundrum.
- If we allow them on the fourth of July, I think New Year's Eve should also be allowed - that makes sense with the dates they are allowed to be sold and from my perspective they are shot off then anyway.
- According to the United States Constitution, We The People should have our rights of freedom and liberty. And the hired politicians should stick to ONLY the realms of authority that they are hired to handle and uphold the Oath that They Took.
- The issue that I encounter every year is that the fireworks begin a week before and last a week afterwards. On fourth of July the fireworks don't cease after midnight. Despite all efforts, citizens don't listen or follow the rules. A small percentage, not all folks, but it is hard to work the next day and animals are stressed. Thanks
- It's the people using the illegal fireworks each year that we consider dangerous and scare us.
- We are ok with current rules but are irritated when residents do not stop at midnight, so enforcement after midnight if possible would be appreciated. Thanks!
- Absolute insanity that we allow this siege every year-it is traumatizing for so many people-especially folks with PTSD and for pets-and the threat of fires is a constant. The personal use of fireworks within the city is absolute negligence on the city's part.

- Some are not careful or mindful of other people in their neighborhoods when they use fireworks and do not clean up.
- It's just one day out of the year and I feel like the City Ordinance in place about it are fine. I am fine with how it is currently.
- Individual use of fireworks creates garbage, frightens pets, and risk injuries
- We have neighbors that fire guns on July 4th and New Years and this should also be forbidden. Thanks for conducting this survey.
- ban fireworks please
- Although I don't shoot fireworks myself, I love hearing/seeing those of my neighbors.
- Extremely stressful for our pets.
- Legal fireworks sales do provide income for many charitable organizations. Those types of fireworks do not bother me but I don't particularly like the loud and high in the air exploding ones. And they leave a mess on the ground.
- The weather makes a big difference. Would out law personal fireworks in high fire danger times.
- The civil penalty should be increased significantly for anyone found to be using illegal fireworks in our City. Fireworks are expensive. The civil penalty should reflect that - \$500. The sliding yearly scale should be removed. Is the City actually keeping track from year to year? Seems time consuming in a time of limited capacity.
- I'm a new resident. This will be my first 4th in Mount Vernon. I've moved from a community that outlawed all fireworks on all days of the year. I'm good with that. I'll take peace and quiet anytime. I'm a proud patriotic American.
- Like many things that come and go, it's time for personal fireworks to GO. They are needlessly noisy, a GREAT fire hazard, and have outlived ANY usefulness. BAN THEM!!!!

- Homeowners setting off fireworks should be more responsible for cleaning up the mess their fireworks make on city streets.
- I have pets and fireworks are terrible for animals. If we have to have them, the time limit should be short and laws that limit their use should be enforced.
- It gets dark so late in July, that of course neighbors fireworks wake up and scare my children. Also fireworks are the leading cause of dogs running away from home and I worry about my scared dog doing so.
- We would like to see fireworks banned totally within the City limits. There are just too many people setting off fireworks on the days and nights leading up to the 4th of July (AND New Year's Eve). Not only is our dog terrified of the loud noises, but it is cruel to people suffering from PTSD or other similar conditions. Another reason is that the debris we find around and on top of our house from rockets and other air-borne fireworks poses a great fire risk. We realize legal enforcement against illegal fireworks is a difficult task but wish there was something that can be done. Thank you.
- I have had to endure fireworks going off more than the times stated to be and it is annoying to myself, my veteran husband (PTSD), and our dog. Not and never happy.
- What about possible fires caused by fireworks?
- the current rules are ok, one day of fireworks is ok, but outside of the current rules, anyone caught lighting fireworks should face a stiff fine.
- Na
- I don't live in Mt Vernon, but have the same opinions of fireworks in general: allow small safe and sane ones for a three day time period.
- Mount Vernon is one of the very few northwest cities who still allow people to purchase and blow off fireworks in a neighborhood. Stopping the sales and use of fireworks will not stop those who are willing to break the law and set off illegal fireworks. However it will be obvious who the law breakers are and possibly easier to enforce. The penalty for use of illegal fireworks should be steep enough to deter their use in the city.

- Most people are safe with fireworks. A few are scary.
- Fireworks are meant to sound like guns/munitions. Not fun or festive for some people and their pets.
- While living in Renton, my next door neighbor set the roof of the house next to him, beyond my home, on fire with no residents home. An elderly man lived with this family and was often home alone. When my neighbor realized the house was on fire and no-one answered the doorbell, he broke in to verify that the house was empty. The house was not habitable for several months. This, plus other fires and accidental tragedies are not worth the general risk. While fun is fun, those who violate the law deserve to be held accountable.
- I would like to see a "Fair" at edgewood park the whole day of the 4th with city fireworks at the end. I would love to eat at the stands, mingle with friends, play games, buy things at booths, etc.
- The danger of fire is real at that time of the year. Control of dangerous fireworks is important.
- I don't think fireworks are necessary for enjoyment of the 4th of July - children can be taken to a public fireworks display.
- Years of abuse of fireworks has lead me to want a complete ban of them for a few years, at which time a review can be made again.
- If citizens followed the safe and sane guidelines, I wouldn't object but unfortunately some set off bombs and very loud rocket fireworks.....they also leave the trash/litter on the streets or waterways.
- I am in favor of more strict fireworks restrictions for various reasons including personal safety, fire safety, noise impacts to people and animals, and significant air pollution that occurs on the 4th. The problem is enforcement. If more restriction cannot be supported and enforced by the city and its police department, then I don't know what a good solution looks like and I realize I may just have to live with my inconsiderate fellow Mount Vernonites.

- our neighborhood (near Hoag and Laventure) becomes a war zone until after midnight. very large and loud fireworks are set off almost continuously and there has been no response from police. it is 'anything goes' from dark until they run out of fireworks.
- N/A
- fireworks are not confined to day/time restrictions now. Multiple days of fireworks in residential areas.
- The environmental conditions should also be taken into account. We have had some very dry July 4ths in the past, which made it extremely dangerous to light fireworks within city limits.
- I like the rule as it stands.
- I live in a wooded area near Jefferson Elementary School. One of our neighbors typically begins "testing" his fireworks on July 3. He sets off huge, loud fireworks on July 4th, often continuing well past midnight. The next morning there is garbage from the explosives all over our gravel driveway and into our yard. Additionally, the neighbors across Maddox Creek fire what sounds like cannons at about midnight. I would prefer to see fireworks ONLY as part of a City of Mount Vernon event staged from Edgewater Park and visible from the Riverwalk/revetment. I find the noise obnoxious, it terrifies our pets and I can only imagine how traumatic it must be for any in our community suffering with PTSD from combat situations.
- It's like a war zone on July 4th. I can't express firmly enough how much it disturbs me. It's unsafe and frightening.
- There are a lot of obviously illegal fireworks regularly near my residence. I feel these represent a fire danger, danger to people, and they terrorize pets.
- I don't feel unsafe with everyone doing fireworks. I do with reckless users and bottle rockets types in dense neighborhoods. I like community displays like MV and LaConnor

- Firework stands are also a huge help to our church . We also enjoy them safely. It's a tradition that we do every year . That I would hate to see leave. It's a highlight of a important day
- Fireworks - regardless of time limitations - scare animals, military veterans and other humans big and small. Not really a fan, except for when it's one lovely show put on by the city :)
- I also resent having to go pick up firework waste that is left in my yard and roof. I'm scared every year that my house, yard, or greenbelt behind my house will catch on fire. I try every year to water down as much as possible surrounding areas and my fence. Please ban fireworks. It's not worth the stress and potential dangers when there are plenty of places you can see professionals that are free
- Please consider including regulation of open flame flying lanterns. We have watched them self-ignite and fall on rooftops and consider them a hazard.
- I do not feel unsafe, but as a dog owner who watches two animals nothing short of suffer through fireworks season I would support a ban. I understand they are fun..., but they do infringe on the rights of others so I would be inclined to wish they are banned. If not, it is not a huge deal, but my preference is for more peace and quiet.
- See comments above. Division street and all of 20th street are a nightmare. I have vestibular disorders and the illegal fireworks hurt my ears like they would a cat or dog. If people want to hear and see fireworks give them a safe place to go. Somewhere where they cannot set people's property and homes on fire.
- More concerned about safe usage than type of fire works. Our neighborhood is pretty conscientious about their use of fireworks and we enjoy the shows they put on.
- Every year, there are physical injuries, loss of fingers, hands, eyes and face from fireworks, homes have been burnt and surrounding shrubs set on fire, pets go missing as they are terrified, and wild animals are spooked. Please put an end to the legal and illegal fireworks, 12 months a year, nothing on July 4th or New Years Eve.

- I feel the fireworks are dangerous because the residents on La Venture and circle off of La Venture have illegal fireworks. My home is below these homes and these fireworks send parts onto my property that could start a fire.
- I would like to see enforcement of present rules that are meant to limit size of fireworks. That enforcement to me means "penalties" for illegal fireworks and that also no fireworks to be tolerated for the day or days after the 4th. I'm actually concerned that the illegality is out of control and cannot be controlled by our MVPD
- Last 4th was way out of hand in my neighborhood. Please enforce the law on illegal fireworks and midnight cutoff!!
- Personally I'm not a big fan of lighting off fireworks, I've had pets dogs that are terrified from all the explosions. What the City is doing by limiting the hours to on July 4th isn't working. Seems like a lot of our 1st responders are over whelmed with complaints of illegal fireworks complaints I feel it gets out of control to where its not controllable. The aftermath in some neighborhoods is a horrendous mess discarded mortars etc. A lot of irresponsible individuals ruin it for the rest.
- We live up on the hill near Eaglemont. It sounds like a war zone every July 4, and it goes on far into the night. People are using all sorts of illegal fireworks and if it is dry we worry about fire damage to our home and the greenbelt behind our house. We would support much stronger emphasis on making sure people follow the current regulations.
- My neighbors shoot off fireworks all year, causing things to fall off my walls. They are illegal fireworks and when the cops are called, they just resume once they leave because nothing is enforced. If the law changes, it would be great to see enforcement also.
- My concerns are a house starting on fire because of fireworks.
- I believe there should be a balance of reasonable personal use of fireworks for a day that's meant to raise unity/patriotism and not over use (such as adding more days) in consideration for people who dislike or have reactions to fireworks.

- I feel the people should have freedom when it comes to 4th of July fireworks!! That's a time friends and family come together once a year for this tradition it's unfair to take this away or restrict the type of fireworks they want to light off!
- A shutdown of safe & sane fireworks will only drive more illegal fireworks into the city. Most of the problems I observe are with the current illegal works. The tribes would need to be part of a larger solution and is that possible???
- fire works cause noise and physical pollution along with the risk of structure damage.....a senseless distraction that needs to end
- the type of fireworks that are allowed should be listed. the stand sells motars in the city limits and the neighbor's apparently think they are illegal fireworks
- Please stop the fireworks. I spend all night with my dog on drugs and scared out of his mind. Let's be real nobody sticks to the legal safe and sane it's like a war zone out there!!! I love my city but I hate what happens on this day please make it stop
- I think sales should be limited to just a few days before the 4th and stiffer penalties for people not obeying the guidelines for times and date of use.
- Fireworks are a family and American tradition. Keep in mind, that it is one day out of the year... the old people who are the majority of the type that would fill out a survey like this will be a bunch Kill-Joys... they don't represent the majority. Keep Firework Fun! This has been a hard year... we need some joy in the years to come... light some sparklers and live a little!
- In our neighborhood, fireworks begin in moderate way before July 4th. We don't mind your firecracker, sparklers fountains, etc., but when they start the big stuff it is really irritating. I mean it sounds like bombs going off. Also I always thought fireworks were legal in city limits on New Year's Eve because we have them in our neighborhood every year. We do wish there was a ban on them. There are plenty of fireworks displays that can be attended in the area. We live in Park Village, adjacent to 30th and Bakerview Park and there are plenty of fireworks going on here.

- 1. If fireworks or any type are not allowed except on July 4, why the the ordinance allow sells in December? Removing that sentence shouldn't meet too much resistance. 2. Enforcement of the current chapter is is exceptionally difficult. Consider banning possession of all fireworks to a) reduce the confusion about what is and is not allowed and b) perhaps make enforcement easier because the offender's defense cannot be that someone else actually fired the unit if they have the fireworks in their possession. 3. This is an issue with lots of opinion but not very much public education. Without a better informed public, it will be a difficult issue for the City to change.
- I feel I have to stay at home to watch for bottle rockets and other types of airborne fireworks that might fall onto the roof of my home or in the big fir and pine trees in my yard. I'm terrified of loosing my home to fireworks. That should not happen to anyone. It's not an "accident". It's a completely preventable act. Most users of fireworks are not using the so called "safe and sane" fireworks. They buy them at nearby reservations and illegally discharge them wherever they like in all neighborhoods. Pets are left shaking, hiding under beds or need to be medicated. Loud booming explosions go on for hours well into the early morning hours. For those like me who need to be at work at 6:00 am, it's a useless night of trying to sleep. I'm sick and tired of being held a hostage in my home, watching for errant rockets with a hose ready to put out a fire. Please ban them all, enforce the law and stop the madness of people being injured and loosing their homes to such a petty a silly tradition.
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- Fireworks are fun, but the noise and pollution make it harmful. No Fireworks in Mount Vernon WA please. Thank you .
- A total ban of all fireworks must be enacted immediately!
- Thanks
- For us, it seems like a freedom that we do NOT wish to be taken away.
- Unfortunately its the reservation fireworks that make it stressful for all and they are already illegal. It hasn't stopped anyone.

- I believe that banning fireworks would make more people use them perhaps outside the safe and sane law, so I think Mt Vernon should keep fireworks legal but i would like to limit the legal time from 3pm to 11pm.
- Continuing to deteriorate the celebration of our independence by restricting freedoms is not celebrating independence
- We are one of the few cities that still allow legal fireworks to be let off on 4th of July. Please keep it thos way. My family and I look forward to celebrating every year and truly enjoy being in our backyard watching the various fireworks light up the summer sky.
- I think that the way the city has allowed fireworks (between certain hours and certain types) has worked well to have a balance between those who are not in full support and those who like to use them. I think that enforcement is a difficult thing to manage. You can hear the illegal fireworks go off all throughout the day (and even for days after), yet you have no idea where they are located even if you wanted to call in a complaint. I think enforcement is difficult, but I don't think there should be a ban all together. It is a very short timeframe to have to deal with the inconvenience of the noise. Not only that, but those who let off illegal fireworks will do it anyway. There is no way you can stop people who live so close to a reservation from buying illegal fireworks and letting them off within city limits. All you end up doing is punishing the law abiding families who light off legal fireworks with their families.
- It sounds like a war zone. Please make it stop
- While I recognize the negative economic to those selling fireworks, I am concerned about starting fires and the impact the noise has on young children and pets. I believe controlled firework shows put on by the city to create communal celebration should be sufficient.
- Maybe it was because of covid and people not traveling as much as previous years but the personal fireworks displays have been out of control, not only on the 4th of July but other holidays as well.

- They are dangerous around dwellings because of fire danger. Users do not follow the rules and set them off regardless of time limits and use prohibited fireworks. Aerials are a particular fire problem and danger.
- I'm concerned about increasing fire risk in dry and windy weather, and I'm also concerned about the stress faced by veterans as well as pets, wild birds and other animals in our environment, and other people with post-traumatic stress. Thank you for being considerate to these issues. Here are some easy (but science-based) reading links to the wildlife impacts: 1. <https://www.animal-ethics.org/how-fireworks-harm-nonhuman-animals/> 2. <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/news/IndependenceDay.html> 3. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/grrlscientist/2017/12/30/how-do-fireworks-harm-wild-birds/?sh=78129662118c> 4. <https://natlands.org/fireworks-wildlife/> 5. <https://www.npr.org/2019/06/29/737001802/this-4th-of-july-think-of-your-feathered-friends-as-you-plan-for-fireworks> 6. <https://www.thelandbetween.ca/fireworks/> 7. <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/how-fireworks-can-affect-your-health-and-the-ecosystem>.
- I have seen 2 devastating fires caused by fireworks....even the safe and sane fireworks are dangerous.....Please consider banning all fireworks other than Edgewater Park for families and the MV city display...PLEASE!!
- I think timing is everything - and right now is not the time to take away home activities or outside public gatherings. Please delay any actions until the COVID "Great Pause" has left our area a little more. People need people no matter what they say :)
- Fireworks are a great tradition that brings families together. Other types of fireworks are already being purchased outside the city and then shot within the city limits, so not much would change if the types of fireworks permitted were to be expanded. Thanks for your consideration!
- I don't know how widespread this issue is, but residents within a few blocks of my home, in the area of Fir and Laventure, were lighting off a significant amount of illegal fireworks on the 4th of July, and on many other evenings all throughout the year. This issue definitely needs to be addressed, as it causes undue stress and disruption to residents and their pets.

- I object to fireworks in the city because too many people get 'unsafe/unsane' types.. I have found debris in my yard every year since I moved here in 2014.. One year I really worried about the fire hazard because they were just too close in the cul de sac. The noise, especially at 2:00 a.m. on July 5 , is not fun either.
- fireworks cause anxiety for my 2 dogs, I consider fireworks cruel for animals
- We need to get rid of fireworks, they scare me and my animals
- I think all personal fireworks should be banned in the city/county, or at least the big boom/flash type. There should be a city fireworks show for people to go and enjoy safely. I know selling fireworks is a big profit, but it's not worth it in my opinion. Everything is dry in July, and I've heard of many cases each year where a neighbor lights someone else's yard on fire. Fireworks terrify animals - many run away or get lost, or they have to suffer in terror for 24 hours. Many veterans have PTSD and the fireworks make them miserable, too. People also buy fireworks in July, but keep them year round and set them off on New Years eve, holidays, or even when the Seahawks win a game, so it's not just for 12 hours, one day a year.
- Fireworks go off all hours day and night. These are not "safe and sane" fireworks.. These are fireworks sold on the reservations. We feel we have to stay at home to make sure our home does not catch on fire. Our animals are scared and shaking all day/night long. Other cities in the county have banned all fireworks. Please ban all fireworks in Mt Vernon. We love watching the fireworks at Riverside or the playfields in Burlington, but feel we have to stay home and make to sure our roof doesn't catch on fire.
- Fireworks on the 4th of July have been part of the national heritage for centuries. Let's not fall into the trap of the sissification of America! We are supposed to be the land of the free!
- Fireworks go on too long into the night. (often past midnight) Some fireworks are too loud resembling those shot off in government sanctioned events. I have often found fireworks on my roof the next day.
- Up here in Skagit Highlands and many other locations around the City the houses are built too close together, and with too many people buying the

illegal fireworks, along with legal ones, it will only be a matter of time before we experience a large fire and multiple homes are burned down and lives could be lost by the senseless, thoughtless acts of those getting their cheap thrills at our expense. My vote - ban all fireworks, issue large fines for infractions and enforce it.

- I'm not a fireworks fan but I can prepare myself, my dog and at one time my husband who was a war vet for the hours that are provided but that seems to only be a suggestion.
- Life has been hard enough with Covid! Let folks enjoy their freedoms!
- Fireworks scare young children and animals. The trauma from the 4th last for days after. My son is staying overnight in a county that doesn't allow fireworks to provide a safe place for his children because they get scared. Fireworks cause fires like brush and forest fires. Given the climate change and more forest fires we need to stop fireworks from potentially creating additional fires.
- The pollution. The noise. The garbage. It's terrible. I would like just the large show at edge water park. And that's it. 30 min and some fun. Then peace for all the animals.
- Fireworks are getting out of control in mount vernon. People don't seem to care about other people's property it's getting worse each year cleaning up other people's messes on Jul 5th. Nobody uses safe and sane fireworks they all go to the reservations for the big stuff and they start setting them off long before and long after Jul 4th.
- I have felt very uncomfortable in my own home these last two years. The neighbors behind me have set off many illegal fireworks. I have a wall of barrier trees that I was incredibly concerned about going up in flames, as well as my own house. The next morning, I woke up to firework garbage all over my backyard and deck. And then I read about the house close to the post office that was on fire because of fireworks. So, so senseless. I don't really know what the answer is to this problem, except to have NO fireworks. I think there is too much in MV for the law to enforce. I am sure they make the rounds on July 4th, but it's impossible to enforce it all.

Maybe a hotline to call to send police to certain neighborhoods? I don't know...

- I believe all fireworks within city limits should be banned by the Mayor and City Counsel and enforced by our Police Department. No Exceptions!!
- I have found the remnants of fireworks legal and illegal on my cars and all over my yard and property and on my roof at times which terrifies me as I worked evening shift & my house could've burned down and killed my dog while I was gone. I hate any type of fireworks & it terrifies my dog! Is cruelty to animals, so many dogs run away on the Fourth of July it's pitiful. I have to go to the vets and buy tranquilizers for my dog and they barely work. Some people in my neighborhood always shoot off M 80s and M 100s and they don't stay within the time limit that is allowed for firewood either. They do not follow the laws . We have to suffer the noise of fireworks & M 80s and M 100s a month before and the month after! And it's not even just on the Fourth of July!! it goes on around New Year's Eve also. I would love to see them banned forever. It's crazy none of them are really safe and none of them are really sane, even the legal ones. I can't believe they have it legal with all the mass shootings that have gone on. A crazy person could disguise the shooting in with the fireworks. Please ban all fireworks fire crackers and all of that!!Please please please.!?Thank you .
- Fireworks are a part of American 4th of July tradition. I think too many cities have such restrictions that it is hard to even celebrate our traditions. We moved up to Mount Vernon from Snohomish county and were pleasantly surprised on our first 4th in Mount Vernon when us as well as our neighbors were able to safely and responsibility light off fireworks and celebrate the holiday without having to worry about being fined
- Invariably, half the fireworks used each year seem to be illegal.
- A lot of fines should depend on if fireworks are being done in a safe maner. Such as distance from people, tub of water for spent fireworks, garden hose on and ready to go Etc.
- The fireworks in MV have been so loud and goes on for over a week. Has to stop!

- I have had damage to my car and yard do to the firework , rockets and mortars, almost every year. The city needs to crack down on this. I have to stay at home to water down my house and shrubs on the 4th. I'm afraid to leave my home to be with family on the holiday because from the uncontrolled fireworks in Mount Vernon.
- Even though I do not personally set off fireworks I fully support others legally being able to do so. The only enhanced enforcement I would support would be stricter enforcement after midnight (if people are still going at around 11pm a friendly reminder of "come on Guys it is getting late"
- For one day I can tolerate reasonable fireworks. Being so close to the reservations that really is a joke. And does the city have the ability to enforce the restrictions in place now. How about \$1000 fine for illegal fireworks?
- I've never seen enforcement of existing laws. For two or three days afterwards dullards are still lighting fireworks!
- Thanks for getting community input.
- Good ,traditional way to celebrate the "birth" of our nation.
- I do not live in the city limits. I live in the county farmland flats. The fireworks set off by people out here are the incredibly LOUD kind that terrify people, dogs, horses, etc...all farm animals and wildlife. How can we say we are a green eco-conscious family friendly and pro wildlife conservation and habitat, farm to table, organically growing etc etc....when we continue to condone, accept, and perpetuate old ways of thinking and doing things.
- There is a lot of use of fireworks on days other than 4th of July. There have been a few occasions where my family has heard fireworks go off in a circle around our home, like someone is driving around town shooting them off.
- With summers getting hotter and dryer I am concerned about fires I have had fireworks start a fire on my property in the past too many people around me are shooting those huge bombs and even past the 4 th they need to be identified and stopped. It is too disruptive

- Don't take all the fun traditional celebrations away from our youth and adults alike. there's very little excitement celebrations for families in the Valley. Don't punish everyone for a few bad apples.
- There is little to no upside to the continued allowance of fireworks within our City and significant downsides, including, but not limited to, undue triggering of veterans and others who suffer w/PTSD, structure and wild land fire risk, potential for burns and injury, disturbances to pets and wildlife, and widespread litter. Fireworks need to be banned.
- I think the current rules are perfectly adequate. Perhaps stiffer penalties (not just monetary fines, but community service!) that are enforced would help, to the extent that's even feasible. Big picture, who can really complain about firework on the 4th, even later in evening and early morning hours? They're quintessential! The primary gripe, I think, is the days-on-end (both before and after the 4th) of night time fireworks.
- Too many fireworks in the sky around our community.
- Fireworks purchased on the Indian reservation and somehow being discharged within city limits.
- While I enjoy watching the fireworks from my hillside home, I am more concerned that those people setting them off are at risk of self-injury, or of starting a fire in our increasingly dry summers.
- The noise from fireworks is disruptive to animals and to people with PTSD.
- I would not be against all fireworks in MV if the current law was actually enforced, which it is not. My neighborhood fills with sky rockets and other illegal fireworks on and around the 4th.
- The fireworks that were lit last July 4th were not the safe and sane type. (I grew up in Oregon and we had one of the largest firework shows put on in the Willamette Valley by our local firefighters 2 blocks from our home. I enjoy fireworks immensely.) The ones on my street--S 20th St, were the large unsafe ones. We had debris all over the property, people were in the street lighting off the big ones on pallets and we live across from the back of Kiwanis Park where there is a property with tall grass and vines. This is a

fire waiting to happen, especially with all the drinking that was going on. No one cleaned up their mess either. I have video I made and it was a great show---just not suitable for a residential area, especially not with tall dry grass, trees and multifamily residents so close to each other. My husband, an ex-firefighter from NY agrees with me. Aside from the fire danger, we all had to go to work the next day, and fireworks were set off well after midnight.

- It is one day a year that families can gather and celebrate our independence with fireworks. I understand and agree with the current restrictions on place and see no valid reason to change them to increase the restrictions.
- Every year we worry about the danger to individuals. Beyond that, many pets and small children are traumatized.
- Continue the public displays expanded with help from business.
- folks abuse the rules and set off huge firecrackers and rockets that could start fires by landing on rooftops or dry brush.
- There are many other activities on the 4th that folks can participate in other than shooting off any fireworks, possibly causing fires, injuries and scared/lost pets, birds and other wildlife.
- People with PTSD and pets are terrified of them. Unless I sedate my dog for the week before and after it is not a fun time of year.
- There are many, many illegal fireworks in our neighborhood before, on and after July 4th. Don't think they are policed enough.
- n/a
- If the laws will change, please have the resources to enforce the new laws.
- I work early in the morning and oftentimes miss sleep due to people setting off fireworks all hours of the night, especially in non-4th of July holidays such as New Years. They are a public menace.
- 4th of July has always been a favorite holiday of mine! And as long as people are safe and know safety precautions it should be fine. Maybe

before the 4th you guys could do a safety type class or video so people know how to safely enjoy.

- 1. Few people follow the letter of the law regarding fireworks. I've seen and heard professional fireworks used all around my home not only on the 4th but the days leading up to and following the 4th. 2. Spreads our PD too thin to have to follow up on these types of calls. 3. The issues caused for those dealing with PTSD from time in the military. 4. The trash left behind from debris when people don't clean up after themselves.
- Expanding legal times around the 4th of July as well as allowing legal fireworks for New Years and other culturally important dates would allow more opportunities for celebration and cross-cultural community engagement.
- The 4th of July is about celebrating freedom, and fireworks are a perfect way to do that. Adding more restrictions on fireworks is simply a restriction on freedom. Part of living in a free society means allowing those around you to do something you may not like or agree with. I fully support expanding the types of fireworks allowed to be sold in the city. These types of fireworks are already being purchased outside the city and then brought in. The city might as well allow them and capture the additional taxes from moving these sales back into the city.
- Most cities in NW WA have prohibited fireworks. They can be unsafe for people, pets, and property. My dogs tremble and cry for the 2-3 days around July 4th when people set-off what sound like bombs. We may resort to leaving our home during those days. There is no adherence to the current rules. One public display should be adequate for those who must see/hear fireworks.
- We are so excited for the 4th of July. Can't wait to see the City Fireworks, and all the other displays in the surrounding neighborhoods!
- It appears that too many people are not following the current laws and are simply ignoring the current restrictions. Just make it simple... no fireworks within the city limits.

- My wife and I are horrified at the use of fireworks in Mount Vernon. It's as if we are in a war zone during that part of July.
- Since a lot of people pay no attention to the firework restrictions and have no respect for their neighbors, I vote to eliminate in city fireworks. We've come home from the fireworks display to find burnt out bottle rockets on our roof and all over in our yard and street. No one ever takes responsibility for cleaning up the mess they make!!
- I know the city laws and county laws differ but I think all fireworks in both the city and county should be banned due to fire hazards, and the lack of concern people have for their neighbors when setting off fireworks. If it was possible for the police and sheriffs dept. to stop/fine everyone that is shooting off illegal fireworks, and shooting off fireworks outside of the legal hours maybe it would be manageable - but they just don't have enough staff to do this. So every year I dread this holiday. I thought my ponies were going to break a leg racing around in a panic from the arsenal going off last year. I really wish all personal use fireworks were banned in the city and the county, and only organized county or city fireworks displays were allowed.
- We are extremely worried each year about the fire hazards involved with fireworks. We begin seeing and hearing them a week or two prior to the fourth, and it is a great cause of concern given the dry summers we have been experiencing.
- The current rules allow for so much noise that pets are affected, as well as humans.
- Illegal fireworks are shot off in the narrow streets on all sides of me in the Skagit Highlands Mount Baker Loop area. The police are called, not much happens.... illegal fireworks continue from before dark until 1 am. It is a danger for cars, people, houses.
- Fireworks stress out pets and wildlife, in addition to people. I would much rather see communities gather to view public fireworks (COVID-notwithstanding).
- Typically I go to bed about 10:00 but around the 4th I'm forced to stay awake long after that time because of the noise. I continually worry about

the hazards of fire & other damage from the fireworks. I also worry about all the pets & wildlife that are adversely affected. The following day(s) I spend time cleaning up the mess created, apparently the folks know how to set off the fireworks but not clean up after themselves. I simply don't understand why we need to celebrate our freedom with the sights, sounds and smells of war

- i live out in big lake and the fireworks start 7/2 and don't end until 7/5 - wish it was just the fire dept show on 7/3 and all private ones banned. It's like a war zone out here in early July!
- Please don't listen to a small minority of very loud people who are against fireworks. Sadly, most people aren't even aware of this topic being discussed by the City Council. Most of the citizens of this city are law abiding and enjoy fireworks as a once a year event done with their families.
- Neighboring cities have banned fireworks & I have long maintained Mount Vernon should do the same. When my foolish neighbors start setting off large, loud fireworks that land on my roof (and the detritus in my yard), it is time to do something. I lay in bed that night, unable to sleep because of the noise and wonder if my house is going to catch on fire. My dog is trembling in fear from the VERY loud noise which requires a trip to the vet to get anti-anxiety medication. One can't sleep because of the noise that may well go on until 2:00 a.m or later. After working at the VA Clinic, I also lay there and think about war veterans and imagine the flashbacks & PTSD that the fireworks noise must evoke in them. The whole thing is ridiculous and preventable. Let's leave the fireworks to the professionals! I am all for safe public displays (Downtown Mount Vernon, Big Lake, etc.), but please, let us and the animals sleep in peace!
- My neighborhood is like a war zone around and on the 4th
- Ban fireworks totally. The idea of safe & sane fireworks is naive because enough MV residents who use fireworks do not use them safely & the city lacks sufficient public safety officers to enforce its fireworks code.
- I fEeL uNsAfE because people are lighting fireworks boo hoo. give me a break.

- This is an American tradition and a fundamental freedom, We simply cannot allow some bad apples to spoil the whole bunch. We must try to preserve our simple freedoms at all costs. The majority of people follow the rules and regulations we should keep the rules and regulations as they are.
- 1. Noisy-disruptive to sleep patterns. 2. Terrorizing to pets and livestock. 3. Traumatizing to people with PTSD and to people sensitive to loud noises.
- I support fireworks put on by the city of Mount Vernon, but feel that all private fireworks should be banned: great dangers of injuries and fires and trauma to animals!
- People are using fireworks for DAYS!!! Before and after the 4th. It is unnerving and disruptive. BAN THEM!!!
- Fireworks falling on roofs are dangerous. Our dog (and many others) are terrified. We found a quiet place out by the Skagit airport and sat in our vehicle until 1:00 AM so that the dog could stay somewhat calm. We often go out of town on the 4th, but couldn't last year because of covid. I really want a ban on anything more powerful than sparklers.
- Assuming you already understand the threat posed by potential forest & house fires, and for whatever reason you don't care - perhaps you have a financial interest in the stands selling this garbage - you might at least show some mercy to the poor cats & dogs with sensitive ears & anxiety issues this nonsense causes. .
- As other counties have done this around us, please take the fireworks out of the city, the M80's and M100's shake the houses! If they are used they need a hefty fine. There should be designated areas to go and see fireworks and celebrate, but not in our neighborhoods. We need to start protecting our neighborhoods and pets.
- My family is always startled and surprised by the magnitude of the fireworks going off in our neighborhood near Hillcrest Park. Seriously, our house shakes with the intensity of the explosions at Edgewater Park. We know this can't be legal, and surprisingly it often continues until well after midnight. I don't know what the penalty for illegal fireworks is, but I feel that many people blatantly ignore the rules.

- I am supportive of keeping things more or less as they are in regards to Independence Day. I am often frustrated by all the other days (eg. New Years) when illegal fireworks are used. I know it would be difficult, but I would sure like to see some enforcement during those times.
- Some people shooting up rockets and it is very dangerous. Also because of fireworks are permitted I can hear what sounds like gun shots. Please ban on all fireworks. Just watch TV if you really want to watch some fireworks.
- It's only 12 hrs out of the year, let us continue to have our safe fireworks, do what you can to curb the illegal fireworks
- Thank you for allowing us to comment. I have three main issues with fireworks: 1)the first being what they do to wildlife. New mommy squirrels, rabbits, birds, etc are terrified by the noise and will often leave the nest and become disoriented, and not return, leaving the young to die needlessly. 2) the pollution: those fireworks are filled with nasty chemicals that people do NOT clean up afterwards; last year, I had to go out into my street and clean up after other people, even though I did not participate myself. 3)For dogs and people with PTSD, fireworks are terrifying. I have tried everything to calm my dogs, but it just cannot be done with the types of fireworks that are being set off every year here. It is impossible to muffle those booms. I moved up here from California and was shocked that you allow them. Down in California, they only have city displays and all personal fireworks are banned, and they truly enforce it. I live on S 27 near Section St, and can honestly say my area sounds like a war zone on the 4th and New Years Eve. I would recommend you ban fireworks in town and just have a nice city-sponsored display. And then give us a way to report violators (a phone number or email form) for the first couple years of the ban, because I am sure people will do it anyways for a while. Anyway, I want to thank you for allowing me to explain my feelings; this has been one of the only downsides of living here and I am happy it is at least being looked at. It really does negatively affect many of us.
- A massive boxed firework was let off on the sidewalk outside my home on Waugh Road the night AFTER the Fourth of July, around 11:00 p.m. I expect that sort of thing the night of the 4th, but the enormous explosion was

terrifying the night afterwards. There's no way to track who lit it off, but stricter enforcement, and perhaps more consistent application of fines, might discourage folks from this sort of bad behaviour.

- Our neighborhood becomes a "war zone" with supposedly illegal fireworks! With the increasing fire danger each summer, it is reckless to allow illegal fireworks! What will it take to put a stop to the out of control madness? Set a neighbors home on fire or start a forest fire in one of our beloved parks? It is not constitutional right to put my family, my home and my neighborhood in danger! It is about time the Council do something to correct this danger before our fire department is called out once again to fight another illegal firework fire.
- The current rules are not being followed, I think this lack of responsibility needs to be addressed with a ban on fireworks.
- It is not the safe and sane fireworks that concern me. It is the illegal fireworks obtained from other sources than safe and sane fireworks stands (Tribal sales). I fear for my home and large trees from the barrage that takes place every Fourth of July. My sanity and my pets sanity are definitely threatened during the holiday. We need better enforcement and increased fines. Please do not take this as a criticism of the local law and fire enforcement. Both agencies are overtaxed severely during this period. I do applaud them for all that they do to keep our city safe.
- Last year I saw a neighbor house burn due to someone setting off fireworks. That same person the previous year caused a fire at his own home. I enjoy that Edgewater set off fireworks for the public to enjoy.
- Safe & Sane, didn't use them on the 4th in the Harbor while Keye penned our anthem. " Rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air Gave proof to the night That our us Was still there." All kinds of fireworks should be permitted on the fourth. One day only, our nation's birth. Our Son's too. He was born 7-4-75.
- This is stupid, let people celebrate this one day of the year! Keep it as is!
- Please do something about the use of unlawful fireworks. The huge noise that sounds like military grade bombs is not okay. Thankfully my dog has

died and does not have to be subject to this noise. My Viet Nam survivor husband really has a hard time during the "time". It is noisy not just on the 4th, but a week before and a week after also.

- I live in the hillcrest neighborhood and there were many fireworks all day long and all night, including days before and after the 4th. The fireworks were larger ones that did not fill safe due to the close proximity of homes in the neighborhood. Fireworks are traumatic for people with PTSD as well as for animals and contributes to poor air quality and other environmental degradation. I think banning fireworks and having the one central display in town would be best. Thank you for your consideration!
- Last year I didn't see any signs up that reminded residents of the fireworks laws. I wonder if starting an educational campaign with mailers being sent to each household and more highly visible signage throughout all neighborhoods starting in early June would help. Put the message in the collective eye so maybe even families can self govern themselves. I think we need to have a community dialogue about this so people see the actual costs of illegal fireworks - both the costs to property and public services and to the well-being of our neighbors. At least that way they can't say they "didn't know" if their illegal fireworks start a fire or cause some other kind of negative impact.
- I would like them banned all together. In the neighborhood where I live it is horrible. You know they are setting off the illegal ones. I have to keep all the windows and doors shut during that time because of the noise. My animals are so scared that they hide. If they are banned less accidents and less animals running away.
- Quit being so tight, loosen up a bit jeez
- Fireworks really upset most dogs and who knows what other domestic and wild animals. They pollute the air we breathe. They contribute to hearing loss. They are money gone up in smoke. The only good thing about fireworks is that some Native Americans can make some decent money selling them. I'd rather see the money spent on celebratory parades.

- The air pollution from the fireworks in my neighborhood poses a threat to my and my family's health.
- It's only once a year guys, and it's to celebrate a great thing. Come on. Let us have our fun.
- Fireworks are safer than guns and pipe bombs.
- I'm a vet and fireworks are baller, if you think otherwise you're a weak minded coward
- I feel fireworks don't cause much harm as long as they are used properly.
- It's one day out of the year so I don't see why people can't plan around it.
- Fireworks are set off outside the restrictive hours. We find debris in our yard and the streets are a mess the next morning. The noise upsets my veteran husband and our dog. If people obeyed the rules, it might not be too bad, but they don't. Perhaps a public area (big field) could be used and people could go there and safely set them off with some fire department personnel present just in case of a mishap.
- This is America. Built on Freedom. Flourishes on Freedom. Keep America Free. Fireworks bans/restrictions are simply put, UnAmerican.
- My biggest irritant is fireworks AFTER midnight on the 4th.
- I think the widespread use of illegal fireworks is the real issue. I worry every year about my house catching fire due to all of the aerial fireworks in the city.
- It is hard to answer all these questions yes or no. I feel the safe and sane use of fireworks, including the ones sold outside city limits is acceptable on the Fourth of July up until midnight and maybe on NYE until 12:30 AM New Year's Day. If people aren't being safe or being stupid that's not ok of course and there should be consequences.
- I really don't care about safe and sane fireworks, but when your neighborhood feels like a war zone and your walls and windows are shaking from an unending succession of aerial bombs through 1 in the morning, it's a bummer. It's horrible for us and the animals.

- This is America. Act like it.
- Current use is not safe and sane, large (rocket up and explode in a circle) fireworks are used within city limits with little to no enforcement. I might actually go see a fireworks show if fireworks were limited to that venue in the city. Otherwise it's just me and the dog hoping no one shoots out the window with a Roman candle.
- I live in a neighborhood full of kids. I know that they get stuff from boom city, and honestly don't care. They always clean up the next morning and dump water on spent fireworks. Let people show you how safe they can be, then punish the bad actors who cause issues for everyone else.
- My major opposition to the fireworks is around the needless stress they cause for family pets and wildlife...if people want to see the fireworks they can go to the public displays
- Generally think Mount Vernon strikes a fair balance between those who want to use fireworks and those harmed by them. More efforts to enforce existing laws would be appreciated but will never cover 100%. Trimming the hours a bit would be appreciated, at least for dense residential neighborhoods - there's no need to be firing off large quantities of loud fireworks at 11.45pm (or later, as people will always push past the stated rules).
- I don't think enough weight is given to the noise and concussive effects on PTSD. Some people are greatly affected, so let's just stop with the whole blowing stuff up
- Do not make this a law enforcement issue. They are already understaffed and busy. Ban fireworks and have fire respond and make reports that can later be charged if warranted
- We have issues with the fireworks every year. They scare the crap out of our pets, but my bigger concern is that many of our immediate neighbors do not follow the rules and they light off massive amounts of aerial display type mortars and bottle rockets. This past year, there was so much debris on our roof I had to use a leaf blower to get the stuff off. Frankly, we're

scared of the possibility of our house burning down. I totally support the city or municipal type displays.

- Our neighbors light off all kind of fireworks. They are dangerous. We are worried our house is going to catch on fire. Then the next day there is firework derbies everywhere. They never clean up after themselves. It is not safe for our homes and for the environment.
- The amount and type of fireworks heard in our neighborhood vicinity, especially on the 4th, is out of hand and upsetting. I understand small family fireworks, but when it sounds like a war zone for hours and hours and hours during the day and night and into early morning, it causes so much stress for so many of us. The big booms used in and around our neighborhood are not just relegated to the 4th, they start lighting those off usually a week in advance and go for a week after, so it's a PTSD nightmare that is ongoing for those with pets and personal stress disorders. I would be so relieved to see all fireworks completely banned within city limits, unless put on by the city at a specified date/time/location, so our neighborhood can cease to be a stressful and alarming place for the entire 4th of July holiday season, which typically runs for about 3 weeks for our area.
- Quit ignoring the silent majority and towing the line for a small group of incessant whiners. If you don't like 4th of July activities go to Canada for the day like the mayor does all the time
- It's inhumane to domestic pets and wildlife.
- Stop making rules and laws. Enforce the ones one the books and expand liberty and choice
- Every year our house comes within inches of being burned down, this has to end.
- It isn't just the safe and sane. It is all of the illegal fireworks going off all day and all night that should be penalized
- we live in cascade ridge just OUTside citylimits but we are impacted..especially in a dry year...ban them please!!
- Animal sensitivity.

- Those in my household are Mount Vernon residents with anxiety issues and PTSD. Safe and sane fireworks at the allowed date and time are fine, but we feel that the allowed widespread use of illegal fireworks (the noise AND the obvious fire risk) needs to be dealt with locally, with fines that are strictly enforced. The fireworks leniency is the only thing I don't like about living here and it's strong enough for us to want to sell our house.
- Not only is it difficult to sleep when they go off through the night, but it is traumatizing for the dog. You can't drug her since it goes on for days.
- My family values the rules and follows them, however, the enforcement needs to be increased. Hilltop was inundated last year with illegal mortar and m-80 blasts that were very disruptive for my family and pets.. I remember thinking that I really hope there are no vulnerable veterans in this neighborhood right now, because the rapid succession of loud booms would have been an unavoidable trigger for them. They also started the day before and continued until around 4am.
- I think with all the Covid restrictions that we have loved through this year, and July 4th looking like the first safe day to actually be able to gather it will be a hard sell for kids to have to give fireworks up also.
- Enforce ban on FW after 10:00 p.m. and the shooting of firearms within City.
- Fireworks burned down my sister's home a few years ago. They are hell on our dog, and I know they are hellish for many of our veterans. They need to be banned altogether.
- Fireworks represent freedom. You can't keep taking our rights away!
- A house burnt down a couple of blocks over from us last year, the entire time fireworks continued to go off. It did not give anyone pause, they just kept at it. The fire was started by that homeowner's neighbors. So it does feel unsafe after last year.
- I live in the Twin Brooks Community. The surrounding residential areas have a LOT of fireworks going off from about 3 days before July 4, until 2 am on July 5 and for a couple of days after that. It does not seem like the

City is enforcing any violators at this time. These are not just "safe and sane" fireworks. They are VERY loud and large.

- Leave things the way they are!
- Keep the fireworks to one really good central city display and don't allow personal fireworks, please. The sound is very bad for anyone with PTSD
- Please don't take another one of our freedoms away. Thank you.
- fireworks tend to be hard on pets
- Fireworks are dangerous, dangerous, dangerous. People set off a lot of professional style fireworks in the Skagit Highlands development, where there is very little room to do so. I always find spent fireworks in my yard the after the 4th and don't like it one bit. Mount Vernon is getting more and more congested, which increases the danger of fireworks. Plus, people shoot them off on July 5th, 6th, and before the 4th.
- I think that the current regulations are good, however, it doesn't seem that they are being followed. Firework use starts days before and continues days after the 4th, and on the night they often go much past 12:00. Also, while I know the use of fireworks does not make me feel unsafe, I know that it makes many others feel very unsafe (and for good reason.)
- So excited for the 4th of July. We hope the City does its usual display, and that all of our great citizens can celebrate at their homes as well!
- quit over regulating. people need their freedom, it is in short supply these days.
- Please don't take away yet another thing that we got to enjoy growing up. My kids love being able to light fireworks off one day a year for a few hours. I'm sure everyone that will vote on this enjoyed fireworks with their family at some point. But now they are just angry and want to cancel something else. Don't let that happen.
- Each year the use of extreme fireworks has gotten out of hand, with the bomb like explosions, legal and illegal and a defiant disregard for the hours permitted to shoot these off. It begins days before, randomly, and for

days/nights well after the 4th. We feel dread as this holiday approaches, and try to go to remote destinations just to avoid the nuisance. Our animals are struck with fear and confusion and will not go outside to potty while they are traumatized by all the loud bangs. Please find a way to police the neighborhoods, and catch the revelers after hours, at least. Thanks for listening and hopefully making big consequences by fining those who disrespect their neighbors' anxiety.

- It's a fun family tradition for us and we shouldn't be punished just because others buy illegal fireworks. Already we have slim restrictions to use them, please don't our little time that we get away.
- Fireworks cause so much stress to animals, veterans, etc, not to mention home owners who are afraid of having their homes catch on fire (like that house down by the post office last year).
- Fireworks used by amateurs in residential neighborhoods is dangerous, stressful to people and animals and litters debris on roofs and streets.
- I would love to see some teeth in the rules, and more enforcement. It sounds like a war zone in town for weeks before and weeks after, and, with our hotter, drier summers, we are heading for a disastrous fire.
- Our neighbor is a veteran and suffers from PTSD.. we always worry about him and others with the loud fireworks..,it would be nice if neighbors were thoughtful and wouldn't light fireworks in residential neighborhoods and just enjoy Edgewater parks show and be respectful of others.. I know in a perfect world lol..
- There is very little visible enforcement of the current rules. I see posts from different agencies, but really, PSAs are not effective deterrents in our neighborhood. When it is on a weekday, we go to work early and being awakened at odd hours is very hard on our family.
- I love fireworks because it makes the 4th of July a lot different then any other holiday
- none

- There is complete disregard for the neighborhood from those setting the fireworks. spent fireworks in our yards..some hidden, on the roofs hitting cars paper garbage all over the place. Please make this STOP
- The private use of illegal fireworks in the city of Mount Vernon is out of control and is nearly unenforcible by city police. Stronger penalties could help cut the use of illegal fireworks in the city.
- Fireworks are extremely loud and dangerous the day before and we'll past midnight into the 5th of July. People don't follow the rules and there don't seem to be repercussions for those you don't follow the rules. We have long grass that runs behind our house that is city property and I worry about fires started by fireworks. We have found fireworks In our yard on July 5th that have come from other households. People are irresponsible and are not respecting others.
- The law is adequate but I see a lack of enforcement. Last year fireworks were going off for over a week at all hours of the day. People complained and called 911 but several went without a visit from law enforcement and I'm unaware of any actual arrests or fines. I would love to see the data report for how many fines have actually been collected over the years.
- I don't think there are enough safety regulations for private citizens setting off fireworks.
- Neighbors down the hill from us are consistently breaking the rules and it appears nothing ever happens! Our dog cannot stand fireworks but when we know the 4th of July and NY Eve are close - we give him medication to relax. We love fireworks and would hate for the use to end! Just enforce the rules! Thank you!
- We see reports on the news of houses burning down in Washington State every year due to the use of fireworks. Also reports of serious injuries. It seems that Mount Vernon is one of the last cities in this area that allows fireworks. Why is this?? Fireworks are dangerous and should only be set off by professionals at public fireworks displays. Many of the fireworks set off in neighborhoods are not the "safe and sane" variety, but enforcement of the regulations seems next-to-impossible. Therefore, we feel that all

fireworks (other than professional displays) should be banned in the City of Mount Vernon! Think about the liability to the City if someone is seriously injured or property is seriously damaged.

- I would like to see an improvement in enforcement of these fireworks regulations. This past year, in particular, was AWFUL. At least 3 houses on my street were setting off sky rockets, which made it incredibly difficult to enjoy the evening. I called the police at least twice to report this but nothing was done and we had to endure the noise and disruption for more than 2 hours. I felt extremely unsafe, because I live in a residential neighborhood near both parks and wooded areas. I did not appreciate the smoldering remains of fireworks landing on my roof, car, or yard. Additionally, the mess left behind was ridiculous and none of the offending individuals thought it was their job to clean up the debris left behind. I like fireworks displays as much as the next person, but why even bother having these regulations if there is no enforcement? I felt unsafe and was miserable throughout the whole evening and believe that more should be done to enforce the rules.
- Not trying to take away the fun, but if the hours were reduced to a 5-6 hour window, pet owners would have a chance to get their animals outside one last time before it becomes a war zone (although I've yet to see the city assigned dates or hours respected). My 130 lb dog had a massive seizure one 4th of July due to a neighbor lighting illegal fireworks over my backyard. That neighbor's arborvitae hedge behind my house also caught on fire that night from his fireworks, requiring assistance from the Fire Department, so that has always made me a little nervous. After that night, the 4th of July was the worst day of the year, even meds weren't enough to keep my dog from going into full panic mode. My dog is no longer living, but I sure feel for the animals and war vets who have a hard time with this holiday. I know it's difficult to come up with a solution that will please everyone, but thank you for asking for input.
- There is nothing "safe or sane" about fireworks. Pets are terrified when they are allowed in the city--I'm terrified when I see /experience the use of them. Aerial community displays only Please!

- Unfortunately there are people who cannot abide by rules. There are way too many (currently) illegal fireworks that go on, and for days or weeks before and after certain holidays, not just the 4th of July. It is difficult to tell what was allowed and what was not, making enforcement also difficult. With a complete ban it would be quite clear. Couple that with higher penalties and there will be an impact. I realize enforcement would still be difficult. I realize there are idiots out there who will still put themselves and their neighbors at risk. But I believe only a complete ban will allow any kind of real curtailment of this problem.
- Fireworks tend to terrify animals, so we stay home to help our dog. But, watching my neighbors light fireworks and they land on our roof, singe my grass, if we parked outside, they would be all over our cars. Personally, I would like to see them banned, or the Police be very forceful.
- The public does not use legal fireworks, they are generally dangerous and many injuries occur - not to mention it is a menace. We reside about 100 yards outside of the city limits so things are even worse, and to add insult to injury, they are exploded days before and after - it is never kept to just the 4th. Then there is the garbage all over the place, it is sad.
- I always wonder if our house will be burned down when we get home. We always have to pick up stuff in the yard. I usually find stuff even in the BACK yard.
- Pets and certain people hate this day of the year. PTSD is real and many people choose to live in cities where they know there are rules against fireworks to avoid the day.
- The use of "illegal" fireworks within the City limits is extensive, excessive and does not seem to be enforced. Stop worrying about the "safe and sane" fireworks and focus on the illegal ones.
- Stronger enforcement of illegal fireworks
- No Fireworks!
- Firework ban!

- I think that allowing fireworks between 7pm and midnight on July 4th is an appropriate amount of time.
- The fireworks are out of control. All hours of the day and night. People don't care how careless they are with them or the damage to homes they cause. They need to be banned and let the city do a display.
- Please consider veterans and others with PTSD, the loud booming noises terrify and bring us to bad head space. And animals think its the end of the world. Please help us stay sane and enjoy time with family on this important day
- The sound of the fireworks, makes my cat uneasy. It scares him and hurts his ears
- The sounds of the fireworks hurt my pets health, ears, and mental health.
- The sound of the “boom” makes me feel unsafe. Also makes my dogs go insane and feel like they’re being attacked
- It'd unhealthy for my dogs ears, all around unhealthy for my pets.
- I feel it is inconsiderate that loud fire works after 10 pm disturb my family’s sleep and frighten my family members.
- My dogs freak out from the sound of the fireworks, which is unsafe for their ears, and health.
- I really don’t mind “safe and sane” fireworks but unfortunately that’s not what goes off around here. The giant ones went off from private parties for at least a week last July 4th. It terrified my pets and me. I worry about what it does for other pets, others with PTSD, kids, homeless people, etc. it’s just not safe. It’s not safe or kind and no one does anything about it. Some are so big and loud they explode right over my house or what feels like it anyway. And then they go off other times of the year too. I’d like to see fireworks fully banned.
- I personally don't mind fireworks for limited times. But, I sympathize with people who have very young children and dogs and would like them outlawed for them.

- It is very loud, goes too late at night when trying to put kids to bed and bad for the birds/air. That being said, I do think kids and families should be allowed to have personal fire works and have some fun as a family at home.
- No personal fireworks! On the other hand, I support using tax dollars to fund spectacular, professionally staged fireworks for the Fourth.
- When we have NOT had rain for many days and the grasses are dry, I do worry about the threat of fire. Often times, fireworks are going off until 1-2am. I get it , that it doesn't get dark until later in the evening, but fireworks should stop at midnight (or earlier).
- It is never just one day that people shoot off the loud fireworks. How much damage or injury needs to occur before you totally ban them ???
- The loud fireworks make us need to sedate our dogs!!
- We have pets that become extremely stressed, fortunately our neighborhood is over 55. However, the neighborhoods around us are not, and my concerns are the noise, and the effect such noise is stressful for folks with PTSD, especially with Veterans, folks with sensory issues and the elderly.
- The illegal fireworks is what annoys me the most.
- Our house butts up to a greenbelt with mostly dead trees. These dry dead trees and foliage are extremely vulnerable to a major forest fire!!! We live on 47th street just south of Division behind the retention pond.
- During extremely dry periods, private use of fireworks should be prohibited.
- I moved here from an area where personal fire work displays were illegal...period. For the last 3 years I have enjoyed small sparkling displays on my block. But when they go on past 10pm and are loud like gun fire, I do get afraid. There are often fire works outside the approved day and time. I think the rule should be enforced and violations should be punished. First offense a warning, subsequent violations, a monetary fine.

- Residents explode fireworks before noon on July 4 as well as after midnight. Noon to 10p will be preferred.
- Do not like the noise and worry about fire usually dry and neighbors fireworks end up in my yard!
- Many other communities have banned fireworks. Every year I worry about my house catching on fire. Although you say only legal fireworks are allowed, many of the fireworks are the illegal kind and it can get quite scary. I would like to see Mount Vernon ban fireworks. I know the fire department responds to many calls during July because of fireworks.
- Not unsafe but certainly has a huge impact on our life. Dogs are frightened, loud sounds all day long....and days prior and after. We have to pick up debris. Fire hazard. Would really encourage the city to enhance their program for the community.
- My family lost everything in the Paradise fire in California and barely made it out alive. It takes nothing to spark a wild fire and they are no joke. I prefer to have a public fire works display and ban all others.
- 1 - I feel that only a fireworks show put on by the City of Mount Vernon should be allowed - No private possession or use of fireworks. 2 - Pretending that only fireworks purchased in Mount Vernon are ignited in Mount Vernon on July 4th is ridiculous. Tribal Reservations are the preferred source for firework aficionados. 3 - Lastly, the shooting of firearms into the air to celebrate July 4th should be banned. Where do the bullets come down?
- Last year was like a war zone. It was frightening
- Fireworks are unsafe causing damage to property and people while terrifying pets. Please ban all fireworks at all times and strictly enforce the law
- Many people do not just buy fireworks from within the city limits. There are a lot being set off that I'm sure come from one of the reservations. Also, fireworks are not only being set off during the "restricted times". I hear

them for days & nights before and after the 4th. People don't seem to have any respect for the pets that it scares.

- hours of firework usage by private parties should be limited from 6PM to midnight on July 4.
- People by me are using mortar type fire works and being by a green belt, poses a fire hazard
- none
- They go on too late into the night and domestic animals have a terrible time with the noise. I go to bed early and can't sleep due to the noise!!
- Fireworks are extremely detrimental to the well-being of pets and wild life. I would like to see more consideration for the animals who must endure this stressful and insensitive human pastime.
- We live directly next to the forested buffer zone and must keep hoses handy during these dates in order to protect against fires.
- It was extremely loud last year and at times I thought I might be in a war zone
- Would support the idea of having a safe area for people who wish to discharge fireworks to do so. The current rules are not adhered to and create dangerous situations in residential neighborhoods.
- I am in favor of a full ban on fireworks. Mostly because of the life safety/property risks but also due to the large amount of trash in streets and cul de sac's around town the next morning.
- I believe we (humans) need to find another way to celebrate these events. Not only are fireworks stressful for war vets, pets and nature, but it's another contributor to carbon in the atmosphere. We really need to take a look at all aspects of our lives and see where we can make a change. This, in my mind, is a no brainer. Let's ban all fireworks around the world, but let's first start locally and ban them here please and thank you.
- People do not follow the guidelines

- It is terrible to what it does to pets. So many lost pets and our dog is ill for 3 days. neighbors below us fire them off for hours. They should be banned. Only a city event allowed.
- My neighborhood in Mount Vernon s like a war zone on the 4th of July. Illegal skyrockets, cherry bombs go off all day. After dark nearby homeowners fire commercial shells out of mortar tubes. Elderly people are very stressed.
- In my neighborhood, it sounds like a war zone and many of the people setting off the fireworks do not follow the rules of when it is okay to do so. This is annoying to us and our dog is affected by it as well. We make sure that the dog is taken care of us properly during that time.
- On the 4th of July every year it gets out of control in the city. The clean up from neighbors is ridiculous and i should not have to clean up after my neighbors every year. The city does a wonderful job at edgewater every year and the local vendors are amazing. We have had small to medium fires started by fireworks from the rezervation in our neighborhood and every year have to stand outside with the garden hose to prevent the trees or roof from ashes and firework embers. Please ban all fireworks MV!
- Hiding in my closet under my stairs in the middle of my house with my service dog listening to music vary loudly with a fan on to avoid a PTSD attack, should not have to happening the city. We live in the city because of these restrictions and every year our neighbors block off and close down the streets and never have consequences! We have reported it several times to the police department on the 4th and had no results do to dispatchers and officer being bombarded and overwhelmed with calls. The city should do like Burlington and continue the big city sponsored show and ban all fireworks within the city with heavier fines for those who do not comply!
- The idea that it is okay for people in neighborhoods to disrupt their neighbors and terrorize animals with loud fireworks is ridiculous not patriotic. The Mount Vernon fireworks should be enough.

- I'm fine with the safe and sane fireworks, but I have several in my neighborhood who set off the M80s that rattle the windows, set off car alarms, panic my dog, and gave my dad chest pains last 4th of July. Those are the fines I'd like to see raised! Some of my neighbors also continue to light them off until. 2:00am. :-(
- Please crack down on illegal fireworks. Plus a law that states til midnight means fireworks go off til 2am and most people usually have to work the next day.
- It's one day per year, everyone knows it's coming. If it creates a problem for anyone they need to take whatever measures they need to mitigate its impact on their lives.
- I believe it is unsafe to allow residential fireworks in the city limits. I would like to follow the lead of Burlington and have them banned in the city. My neighborhood near the hospital, where there are lots of trees and homes are close together, feels absolutely unsafe on the 4th.
- Surrounding streets sound and look like a war zone, as a USMC vet it is highly disturbing
- Don't put limits on current restrictions. Stand for freedom not control
- I used to enjoy the city's fireworks display at Edgewater Pk. Now the city sounds like a war zone, and I leave town. A total ban on private fireworks will hopefully refocus attention on the safe, city-run show.
- New Year's Eve is another time that would be great to light off fireworks to ring in the new year with family and friends!
- The current restrictions would be adequate if they were enforced. Illegal fireworks are ignited at all hours for the two weeks prior to July 4th and two weeks following. If there was enforcement, this would likely decrease.
- We no longer look forward to this holiday. We either have to leave (impossible in 2020) or suffer through hours of illegal fireworks shaking our house and terrifying our animals. We can plan on no sleep to well after midnight.

- NA
- While the current rules limit the time fireworks can be set off, those rules are not followed in the 4 years we have lived in Mt Vernon.
- In all my years living here, I have never seen the “letter of the law” followed on the type and timing of fireworks. They are always started the week before and continue through the week after and on July 4th way into the wee hours of 3-4 am AND the type are more than not some minor kind of explosive that shakes my home.
- Living in downtown mount Vernon it is like a war zone on the 4th. Our pets and toddler are terrified. We have lived here for 6 years and have experienced multiple years in which neighbors lit very explosive fireworks close to our house. We feel completely unsafe leaving our home, not to mention unable to sleep because of the amount of fireworks close to the house into the early hours of the morning. Last year we witnessed our worst nightmare when a neighboring house on Hazel went up in flames from a Roman candle that tipped over and hit the house. These incidents are inevitable with such a lack of firework restrictions. It’s overwhelming and unsafe. The chaos is scary and I’m sure fire and law enforcement are so overwhelmed that it would be hard to be prioritized if something was concerning you. I cannot imagine being a veteran with PTSD or pets or wildlife. I have never understood why our neighboring cities have tighter regulations on fireworks in city limits. Please consider banning all fireworks in city limits. Thank you.
- The fireworks the neighbors in The Skagit Highlands use are fired from morning until after midnight in large amounts constantly with no break. The noise, smoke and fireworks that fly into our neighborhood are annoying and dangerous. When our neighborhood residents have tried to talk to the Skagit Highland neighbors about the fireworks they are met with resistance and anger. Thank you.
- The rules are fine but not at all enforced. Hence, we leave
- I live in unincorporated my Vernon. It’s a problem beyond the city limits. Ban them.

- I appreciate the survey. My primary concern is the great disregard for the current law. I adjacent to the Skagit Highlands development and it can be like a war zone on the 4th, and even a couple of days earlier. I have not heard on a single instance where police have issued citations or shut down the many instances of unlawful fireworks in that neighborhood. I recognize that the police can't be everywhere on the fourth. It is quite disturbing and it terrifies pets and it triggers reactions to veterans as well. I think cruising around and issuing fines would be appropriate.
- Ban fireworks or enforce the rules that exist.
- We've had three neighbors in the time we've lived in College Heights who have used unsafe fireworks and used them outside of the allowed hours/days. Last year, a neighbor's firework landed on our back patio roof, almost burning through it.
- Give people the opportunity to govern themselves.
- Every year it sounds like bombs going off directly outside my window. It's terrifying. I would like fireworks banned in neighborhoods.
- There is no enforcement of current codes in the Little Mountain neighborhood. Last year the noise was out of control plus the rockets that were set off are fire hazards. I have friends with house dogs who have to administer a prescription medication to keep their dogs calm.
- Please don't make things more restrictive.... come on..
- We do not like fireworks inside community neighborhoods where closeness to our homes provides dangerous possibilities. We stay home to protect it in case something happens. The city should provide enough areas where public displays are available.
- part of the problem is that many people buy reservation illegal fireworks, cherry bombs, etc that can cause damage to neighbors, keep them up all night, terrorize pets and anyone with PTSD symptoms. The sane and same fireworks do not seem to be set off very much in my neighborhood skagit highlands. Thank you!

- My neighbors gathered but socially distanced this last year, in one yard and watched the fireworks. It was great! I think it help reduce the stress brought on by covid and none got ill.
- Fireworks should be allowed for a longer period of time
- I completely understand and abide by the current rules that firework usage needs to cease at midnight. I have no problem with this. However, I find it very concerning that there are people who feel any/all fireworks should be outright banned even during the 4th of July. It's one night a year and having the privilege to light fireworks is a very special and unique way to celebrate our independence. Thank you
- The last couple years in Hillcrest area of town have been REALLY loud and long; i cant imagine these are legal fireworks. Also, one family next to the empty lot by Lincoln school has excessive amount AND loud AND a couple hours of stuff as many are trying to enjoy the overlook in that lot to view firework displays going on throughout the valley and we can see even to Whidbey. A really lovely non driving way to socialize and watch the displays which has been overrun with that particular neighbor for the last two years...so sad for many...
- Some bad actors love to blast non-safe and sane fireworks all night and then frequently other nights throughout the next several months. Large mortar type fireworks that have no business being set off within town limits.
- I don't use fireworks as we live in a closed in community. The problem is no one observes the timeframe or dates mandated by the city. There are plenty of legal shows in the area and would not cause a fire risk if banned in the city limits. People also don't clean up after themselves, so there really isn't a lot of respect towards neighbors in that regard as well.
- Damage to property: A few years ago a tree in the front yard of my former next door neighbor was set on fire from a rocket launched from across the street. Passengers in a passing car tried to put it out using water from their water bottles and they alerted the owner and next door neighbor who got hoses to put it out. The tree was permanently and irreparably damaged and

has been cut down. I moved from this area in part because of the level of fireworks being shot off throughout the neighborhood, including the loud illegal "IED" sounding ones. Calls to the police were never successful.

Where I now live we have found bottle rocket debris in our maple tree on July 5th twice. Harm to pets: We were keeping a dog for a friend one July 4th. I took him for an early evening walk ahead of the city's fireworks. On a sidewalk just after we passed by, children shot off loud firecrackers. Both the dog and I jumped and the kids laughed. That night the dog went crazy when other fireworks commenced. He was so upset we feared he might have a heart attack. He got absolutely no sleep and the next day lay perfectly still all day - exhausted. The City should consider harm not only to pets but to wildlife from the commotion and the next day cloud of cordite.

Harm to human health: I have two conditions that make me vulnerable to fireworks. The thick cloud of cordite can trigger an asthma attack just like smoke from wildfires can. I have to stay indoors with the air purifier running on July 5th and sometimes January 2nd. Additionally a serious car wreck years ago left me with heightened sensitivity to loud noises - like firecrackers -so the incident with the friend's dog reported above also triggered PTSD for me. What about veterans with PTSD? Tragic incident or wildfire: As the population of Mount Vernon continues to grow, it is only a matter of time until someone, likely a youth, is killed or seriously injured by private fireworks. Last summer a house and yard in the downtown area was burned by fireworks. It is only a matter of time until private fireworks set fire to a neighborhood like Thunderbird that is heavily treed or to Little Mountain Park (where I know fireworks have been deployed in past years) during a drought year. Fairness: It is unfair to condone a privilege enjoyed by some that can cause harm to the property, health and well being of others. Private fireworks should be illegal in Mount Vernon. Although the present regulations only permit certain kinds at certain times, this is widely disregarded. Police receive calls but the activity does not stop and even if police can and do respond the fireworks start up after a pause in the action. Fireworks should only be a community event downtown. It is time for Mount Vernon to be responsive to the threats presented by private fireworks. Thank you for your attention to my comment.

- Ways in which fireworks impact me and my family: People have aimed fireworks in a way that they have exploded over our house, fireworks have disrupted our sleep every year (July 4th and New Year's Eve), noise produced by fireworks have caused great distress to our pets, fireworks debris becomes litter in our community that is not discarded properly.
- Very concerned about fire in light of the climate change here in the past several years. When people are drinking a lot or using substances to “party” they usually are not very attentive in handling fireworks safely and are way too lax, especially with the illegal fireworks.
- Even if you ban fireworks people will still light them off. They'll just be in a more unsafe manor than the fireworks that are allowed by the city
- The litter that is left behind is a major problem. The lack of control to where the residue from fireworks of all sizes ends up is a major problem. Not to mention the extreme fire hazard to residential homes not involved in the party using the explosive.
- I worry about the lit balloons that are set aloft over homes and woods.
- The fireworks sold outside the city and detonated within city limits are often more in the nature of munitions than entertainment. A friend who served in Iraq said some have the sound and intensity of IEDs. Police are visibly unable or unwilling to monitor and police the use of explosives in the neighborhoods. Many times, officers ask the offenders not to do that and put those away please, then drive off; the offenders fire up again 15 minutes later. We have been unable to take care of friends' pets during the firestorm many years, and gave up trying. We did have a pet for 10 years here, and he was terrified of the explosions and lights. We try to leave town to avoid it, but it is sometimes hard to escape. And why should we have to flee July 4th? The rockets' red glare does not have to burst into our living room. When the world suffers from too much burning, when there is a fire warning in Western Washington, when we hear of a proliferation of shootings by unqualified goobers with firearms, it seems foolish allowing the members of public to blow stuff up to celebrate ... what exactly? Freedom to frighten the neighbors' animals or set the roof on fire? Other

communities have banned them in city limits. Mount Vernon should take a sober look at the issue and follow suit. Thanks for launching this survey.

- Consider a supervised public field where people can light their personal fireworks thus keeping them out of the neighborhood.
- Freedom
- Please do not take away the rights of many by imposing the directions of the few.
- I have dog who is traumatized by the fireworks. I hate the ones bought and shot off by neighbors - I don't see the point.
- Ban them
- Igniting fireworks from Native American stands outside of Reservation property should have all fines doubled. They have more of a chance to cause much more environmental damage and personal injury than the safe and sane variety. They carry much more explosive material and their ariel flight can travel much further as well.
- The use of fireworks to commemorate Independence Day in America is strongly traditional. Our Founding Fathers strongly promoted and even decreed that fireworks should be a highlight of the festivities. I believe it is un-American to ban or heavily restrict their use. Let's celebrate our freedom the way our Founders intended!
- Loud fireworks are heard for days before and after July 4, as well as Christmas, New Year, etc.
- The noise in recent years has become just deafening, and the disregard for safety and fire hazard has really gotten out of hand. Allowing some fireworks and not others appears to make enforcement very difficult.
- I used to enjoy some fireworks set off by neighbors, but the percussive bomb-like fireworks have made it very unpleasant to be here on the 4th of July. We plan to camp at the home of friends away from here.
- I grew up in Skagit county. Thought we were awfully lenient toward firework handling. I've spent a handful of 4ths on the east coast where

private parties buying fireworks is almost zero. People enjoy the town or city shows instead of trying to burn down the neighborhood.

- Unfortunately people simply don't really follow the rules. They should be banned to make it easier for police to respond when they are being used at all. The large explosions trigger my military related PTSD and traumatize my dogs.
- when people light off massive mortars, theres a chance for debris to land my property, i have animals that get spooked aswell.
- I personally do not light off fireworks, but enjoy seeing the private displays in my area. It is only one day a year, and I believe we should be able to celebrate our history in this tradituonal way. Yes I understand small children and pets are sometimes frightened by them, and they are loud, and many use other then safe and sane sources, have no ideas on how to make everyone happy. But like I said I enjoy seeing them in my neighborhood, and would rather see them here then going to be part of a loud, crazy and or drunk crowd.
- N/a
- I was born and have lived in Mount Vernon for 53 years. I live on "the hill" and unfortunately every July 4th we have several in our neighborhood that not only do not adhere to the required time frame, they set off illegal fireworks. Not only does it disturb our peace, but the burning debris and litter left behind is concerning. There seems to be no respect for the guidelines, so I feel the safest thing to do is a full ban.
- Why allow the sale of fireworks around New Years and not allow them to be set off. Should enforce the rules for setting them off when in violation of the rules
- My only concern with fireworks is the impact on my dogs. But as a responsible pet owner I feel it is up to me to keep them safe. That being said they are the reason I wouldn't really want to lessen the restrictions.
- Remember to consider those affected by people being irresponsible with fireworks: veterans suffering from PTSD, families with missing or easily-

frightened pets, those with fire-damaged properties because of fireworks, those injured by irresponsible use of fireworks, and our first responders who answer to both fire and injury caused by fireworks.

- Please don't ruin the 4th of July
- Midnight is really late when people have small children trying to sleep. It's also highly stressing on animals.
- Expand to include New Years Eve Celebration
- I think certain areas should not be allowed to have fireworks, such as the houses that are 10 feet apart. The risk of fire spreading to multiple homes quickly is greater in these areas.
- How can these rules be enforced!!
- I feel the explosion of fireworks invades my personal space. I am also concerned about all the poor pets and wildlife that have no clue why their world is exploding all around them. Where I am only annoyed all the animals I care about are frightened for their lives. That's just cruel in my opinion.
- Please ban fireworks in the city limits of Mount Vernon! Please, Please, PLEASE!!!! We are too crowded now and it is much more of a hazard, let alone the poor animals and people with PTSD. These let off are not the fireworks of our youth, small cones and sparklers...there is a BIG difference now; it is like a war zone.
- Provide large parking lots or open areas, where it's safe from property damage and noise complaints, where city residents can enter upon signing a liability waiver and use their "unsafe" fireworks under the supervision of volunteer firefighters. That same area can be cleaned up afterward with volunteers as well. Provide your citizens with an option for the legal and safe opportunity to participate in our nations holiday to the standards that they identify with and feel is relevant! Tighter restrictions just create more criminals. Give our people more options and freedom on a holiday that's all about our great nation and the celebration of freedom!

- I would like to see all personal use of fireworks in the city limits banned. I live downtown and the use of illegal fireworks goes on for days.
- Also, the fireworks are polluting and toxic probably and the debris left over is a mess. Not to mention the fireworks are fire hazards and dangerous to the fools using them that blow their fingers off. I love my country but I would rather enjoy celebrating the Fourth with music and picnics---without the noise and pollution. And it traumatizes animals.
- I would like to see the current laws enforced to ensure safety and to discourage violators.
- My animals are terrified even if I keep them indoors. It restricts my activities to have to manage my pets because others want to light off loud, offensive fireworks. In addition, it is unsafe for the wildlife in the area which I greatly care about.
- I would like to change the start time from maybe 10 am on July 4th to accommodate families with young children that don't stay up late.
- The use of high percussive explosives in close proximity is disturbing.
- Many people have to work July 5, myself included, fireworks in my street have kept me awake later than I want. The streets are a mess on the 5th and for days after. Pretty sure larger fireworks than allowed are also used. Every 4th I pray for heavy rain hoping for no fireworks in the area.
- Fireworks cause an immense amount of stress to pets and other animals, in addition to stressing those with PTSD, autism, and other emotional issues.
- They scare animals badly... I don't like finding pieces of them in my yard....
- I was in awe of the fireworks last year and watched the council meeting where they discussed it. I saw fireworks going off above my house through my skylight with ash falling onto my shingles. There was total disregard for the rules, continued loud fireworks all evening and well past midnight. The whole area up here on Waugh Road smelled of sulphur, like a war zone. No need for disrespect for the law and neighbors like I saw after living here in this house for 20 years. Only public display should be permitted as residential neighborhoods are no place for flying embers, bottle rockets

found in my back yard. A house next door has dead trees in the yard, shrubs right up against the house and with one bottle rocket that house could have been in flames along with my own home since it is not far from me and has overhanging tree limbs near my roof. Why is this still permitted when so many surrounding cities have banned fireworks period.

- I live across Hilcrest park and every year people are at the fields with bottle rockets. I do not like these or feel safe with these flying over my roof
- I fear for fire incidents caused by flying fireworks.
- My husband is a combat veteran. Fireworks and gunfire (which many people shoot off at 4 July and 31 Dec) is a trigger for his PTSD. We either leave the city if we can, or just stay home and wait it out.
- I would say maybe 6 to midnight. Can't see them during daylight hours anyway. And my dog doesn't appreciate them at all.
- I have had illegal fireworks thrown at my house and pointed at my car because I was driving on their road neighbors were using as a launch pad
- Up in the Skagit Highlands area there are lots of families that light unsafe fireworks. Houses are so close together I'm really worried that a tragedy will happen someday.
- I support a city or corporate sponsored display at the river, but not private displays.
- I know people whose PTSD is triggered by the loud booms of the unauthorized fireworks. I have seen burning debris land in my neighbor's yard. I live just outside the city limits off Anderson road, so what happens within Mount Vernon affects me.
- We find that Mount Vernon's current rules are fine. We are thankful that we moved to a city that allows the use of safe and sane fireworks, are children love the 4th of July because of the fireworks.
- We always hear gunshots and that is very dangerous in my opinion.
- Fireworks are one of the most tangible ways in which we can celebrate and mark great occasions. To light up the night sky in a chorus of booms and a

painting of lights is a great way to celebrate our American fraternity and is also just simply great fun.

- We'd like to see the city fireworks on the fourth of July and at 12:01 for the New Year the new year for half an hour.
- We live adjacent to a NGPA which is full of downed brush and dead trees which become tinder dry by July. This makes it very fire prone.
- Why does the code allow them to be available for sale for New Years if they're not legal to use for New Years? It's difficult for police to follow through on, but my Skagit Highlands neighborhood is FULL of illegal fireworks all night long. Someone's going to start a fire one of these days. We need to at least try to enforce the rules for illegal fireworks. I don't mind the little stuff that only goes like 10 feet in the air or so (the safe and sane stuff). But the stuff my neighbors use is professional grade and not acceptable.
- We have neighbors that exceed the city display and it makes me very concerned for fire danger, not to mention the noise issue at midnight or later.
- PTSD caused by fireworks. Quality of life for children trying to sleep at midnight. Pets are effected. A house burned down last year by the fairgrounds because of fireworks.
- I don't know the statistics, but I'm sure people are still injuring themselves and others on the 4th, along with property damage. Let's leave fireworks to the professionals.
- I would support a roll back of allowed hours to 11pm. If people actually stuck to the midnight cutoff, that would be fine, but I find that fireworks are still being set off until well after 1am. This is not okay with young children needing sleep, pets who can't sleep, and people who need to go to work the next day. If people really want to set off fireworks into the wee hours of the morning, they should find a nonresidential area to do so.

- Please don't give us in Mt. Vernon one more reason to leave the city. Housing is awful to find.. This would be one more thing on the checklist to move to a nearby city with fireworks and more housing availability.
- We find a handful of cartridges in our property the day after 4th of July. Always worried the house will catch fire. Also all of the noise scares our dog and we typically hear fireworks all weekend in the neighborhood.
- While the noise can be annoying, fireworks on the 4th of July are a well-established tradition. If it is possible to expand the type of fireworks sold within the city a bit there could be a reduction in the number of people that go to other locations to buy larger, more powerful fireworks. I don't know if it's still the case, but when we lived in Kirkland a few years ago you could purchase the mortar-type fireworks. That seemed to be a decent substitute for some of the larger aerial explosive devices that are available outside the city.
- People in neighborhoods does care how they shoot they go pass the times to shoot scares our pets
- I feel that some people are not adhering to “the using of safe and sane fireworks” for just one night. That often the nights are for several prior as well as after the fourth. They are not policed, they use illegal fire works that are very loud. That go on for hours on random days. It is stressful to the many for the few. The city managed and the Native American displays are more then adequate for a celebration for our freedom.
- Too many illegal fireworks being discharged within city limits. They have hit my car, my living room window, land in my yard, on my roof and often are being discharged by people that have been drinking. I don't like leaving my home on the 4th, especially when we've had a dry spell due to concern of fire from neighbors discharging illegal fireworks. Not to mention the effect on those with PTSD and animals.
- People don't pay attention to fireworks bans or guidelines. It's the post midnight or mortar type fireworks that, I believe, are more troublesome. But how to enforce a ban?
- We have the law...just enforce it.

- It seems the illegal fireworks, the one's creating Earth-shattering booms, still are an issue within the city limits. And are ignited well after midnight
- Common sense should prevail in a free society. More regulation continues to be a detriment to commonsense people as a result of stupid decisions made by others. If more restrictive measures go through, this will be just another example of a fun activity being taken away by government regulation. No more regulation and continue to offer safe fireworks use education. Put the responsibility on the people, keep the government out of it.
- It is common practice for neighbors to buy illegal fireworks and light them for hours on the street in front of our homes. They shoot them off with little regard for the rules or our personal property.
- We have lived in something like 15 different cities/ small towns. The fireworks in Mount Vernon in 2020 (we moved here in 2019) were the absolute loudest, most disruptive we've ever encountered and went on longer (for days before and after and well into the wee hours of the morning). I'm all for Independence Day fun but it is too much, especially for those of us who work the following day.
- Fireworks create a lot of pollution, pose a fire hazard, endanger many users, and frighten wildlife and pets as well as many humans (especially those with PTSD). Wish they were banned within City limits.
- In our neighborhood at Woodside, I am backup to the greenbelt. Several neighbors behind us are setting off fireworks long after deadline. Sparks fall into the greenbelt and they even land on our roofs. If it happens to be an extra dry July, the fear of fire is very possible. Control fireworks by the city is very acceptable as all the necessary precautions are taken.
- Should be allowed on other holidays such as new years but earlier cut off time like 10 or 11. People will always go past the time and usually the following day is a work day making it desirable to be able to go to sleep prior to midnight
- I think that midnight is too late. Especially since a vast majority of our neighbors light off the types of fireworks that are normally used at shows

that cities put on. The last two years have been especially bad with remnants of the exploded fireworks landing on our roof, lawn, and vehicles while still smoldering and people who set off fireworks not participating in clean up. It is also frustrating that the current order seems to not be enforced, as evidenced by our neighbors using the fireworks described above with no official coming through to enforce the policy and get them to stop, even after calls to the police to help. We enjoy the fireworks one can purchase from stands like those at Haagen, but what we have experienced the past two years is extreme. Thank you for taking this survey.

- The total cost of fireworks in the city is immense.... the 911 calls for clearly unsafe use, the annoyance and noise well outside the permitted day/time (a lot of people have to work the next morning), the burden on the city police officers to enforce size and noise limits, real damage to person and property, the burden on the firefighters to respond for public safety... all for something that is really pretty frivolous. I am PRO celebration, but it is clear that most adults do not have the maturity or personal responsibility to be allowed to have fireworks. To top it off, the city doesn't even benefit from the sale, nor do any charities or local organizations, just the vendors the tribes bring in to sell and the overseas manufacturing companies. Then there is the aftermath of pollution left in our streets and gutters, which clearly drain to the same salmon estuaries we, AND the first nations are trying to protect. Isn't that hypocritical??? how about some quiet sparklers, some hot dogs and some red white and blue frosted cupcakes.
- I have dogs, so fireworks are always scary problem (even though I don't feel "unsafe"). We have illegal aerial fireworks all over town. I'd like to see a crackdown on illegal fireworks like those.
- A total ban on fireworks will not stop the use of illegal fireworks. The penalty for using illegal fireworks in the city limits must be steep enough to discourage their use. Stop selling fireworks.
- Fireworks may be legal for one day only but they go on for 1-2 weeks. I work and lose sleep because of the neighborhood fireworks and out dog is afraid of them and traumatized by the sound. Our neighbors fire off mortars which we hate! We wind up taking time off from work to go

camping to GET AWAY from the fireworks! I wish we had something like Italy has where the sound is removed and you only see the lights.

- Thank you for making this survey!
- Too many Karens and Kens trying to make the 4th of July a quiet day with no celebrations at all. If they had their way no one could celebrate any holiday at all!!! There are other things to worry about.
- Fireworks really bring the community together. Walking my neighborhood on the 4th of July is my favorite night of the year. So many people are out, neighborhood camaraderie is high, and it's just a lot of fun. I know some people do not enjoy fireworks, but this is only 12 hours out of the whole year. The people who love fireworks hold off all year for this one 12 hour period. It seems more than fair for those who dislike fireworks can put up with it for 12 hours as a compromise.
- The city is delusional to think these regulations are followed. The number of illegal fireworks used for the month before and months after are extreme. I've watched them being set off within yards of police and they could care less. Vets with PTSD and animals suffer for months surrounding July.
- We had to call 911 because of unsafe firework use in our neighborhood. We were worried about roofs and dry grass (yards are dry in July) catching on fire. Please work with Native American tribes on restricting the sale of large fireworks.
- Very upsetting for animals and can be a fire hazard. It encourages fireworks bought elsewhere. No control of other fireworks.
- Not only is it a week of hell for my pets, I find it triggers my PTSD. PLEASE ban them!
- Fireworks traumatize my dog. I realize it's hard to enforce, but we hear fireworks at least 20 nights per year: July 4, Christmas, New Year's Eve, nights leading up to and following these, and on random nights.
- Please don't ban fireworks. They help celebrate our country. Yes they need to be done safely, but there are limitations in place to do that.

- I would be fine with the safe and sane fireworks, but there are too many people who do not follow the regulations and set off the larger fireworks. My neighborhood and the surrounding areas were out of control last July 4th and New Years Eve
- The code is fine. The fines are adequate. What is lacking is enforcement. I'm aware there aren't enough police to enforce these rules. Maybe consider hiring additional people specifically to document and ticket those violating these laws.
- I do not believe these rules are followed in the least. I have lived in downtown MV for 12 years and I hear fireworks for at least a week to ten days straight, all hours of the day and night. I do not believe the rules are enforced at least, not from what I can see.
- I would like to expand it only to include New Year's Eve.
- The really loud boom fireworks should be heavily penalized. I know it is hard to locate those, but they are the really annoying ones. Thank you for asking for input!
- We like things the way they are currently.
- Keep thinking as they are
- We should ban all fireworks, they are dangerous and cause harm in many ways
- Independence Day is a day to celebrate our freedom, don't encroach upon those freedoms anymore that has already been done.
- My children always look forward to playing with sparklers and other safe fireworks. Please don't take this once a year pleasure away from families.
- Nothing seems to happen to the people who don't obey the fireworks rules now and people come from near by cities that have banded them. They need to be banned in Mount Vernon too.....
- The 4th of July is about celebrating the independence of our country. Fireworks have traditionally been a part of this celebration let's not end this tradition.

- Don't take away kids fun.