



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Fire  
Department No.: 031  
For Agenda Of: June 17, 2008  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 15 min.  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department John Scherrei, Fire Chief 681-5500  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Chris Hahn, Fire Marshal 681-5500

**SUBJECT: Urgency Ordinance Banning the use of Fireworks**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt an urgency ordinance banning the manufacture, possession, storage, sale, use and handling of any and all fireworks.

**Summary Text:**

On January 1, 2008 the 2007 California Fire Code (CFC) went into affect and superseded the previous state fire code. The 2007 CFC does not ban the use of all fireworks as the county has for many years. This was to be remedied with the county's adoption of the 2007 CFC with an amendment that would ban the use of all fireworks. The adoption of the 2007 CFC, however, has been delayed and will not be effective prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>. This in turn will pose a significant fire hazard within our already fire prone county in the middle of fire season.

This ordinance must be adopted by a four-fifths vote and will take effect immediately pursuant to Government Code Section 25123(d).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Narrative: Fiscal impacts could be very significant should a fire start in county responsibility areas. In this case the county would potentially bear a substantial portion of the cost of fire suppression.

**Special Instructions:**

- Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance, publish once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.
- Please send a copy of the completed ordinance and a certified copy of the minute order to Santa Barbara County Fire Department, attention Rose Pueschel.

**Attachments:**

Urgency Ordinance

**Authored by:**

Chris Hahn, Fire Marshal

**cc:**