



ORDER OF THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CAMAS-WASHOUGAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS PURSUANT TO WASHOUGAL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.22.140

Whereas, Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.22.140 otherwise authorizes the sale, purchase and discharge of fireworks in the City of Washougal for certain periods as designated; and

Whereas, discharge of fireworks under Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.22.050 are authorized between the hours of 9 AM and 12:00 midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup> of any year; and

Whereas, the Fire Chief of the Camas-Washougal Fire Department, after consulting with Washougal city officials may prohibit the discharge of fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger pursuant to Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.22.140; and

Whereas, Southwest Washington is experiencing extraordinarily high temperatures, severe heat warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service, low fuel moisture of 5% has been designated by the Department of Natural Resources for this area, and the hot and dry weather is expected to continue through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday; and

Whereas, on June 23, 2021 the Fire Chief of the Washougal-Washougal Fire Department issued an outdoor burn ban to continue indefinitely until revoked; and

Whereas, during times of extreme fire danger a temporary ban may be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public to mitigate damage and risk to life and property and reduce the risk of fires due to fireworks; and

Whereas, given the unique alignment of weather and fire risk this summer I have determined that extreme fire danger exists in the City of Washougal and the discharge of fireworks should be banned;

Now wherefore I, Dominick Swinhart, Fire Chief of the Camas-Washougal Fire Department, do hereby declare:

1. Pursuant to Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.22.140 I hereby order that the discharge of all fireworks is hereby prohibited within the City of Washougal.
2. The terms of this Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through 12:00 midnight July 4, 2021. Effective after 12:00 midnight July 4, 2021 the prohibitions on discharge of fireworks set forth in Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.22.050 shall govern.
3. The terms of this Order do not prohibit the sale or purchase of fireworks.
4. The Fire Marshal is directed to implement and enforce the terms of this Order including but not limited to directing firework sale vendors to communicate the terms of this discharge ban to all customers.

SO ORDERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Swinhart', is written over a horizontal line.

Dominick Swinhart, Fire Chief