

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
RESOLUTION NO. 06062017-11**

**Resolution Opposing the Sale and Discharge of Fireworks
in Unincorporated Snohomish County**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 1 is dedicated to public safety; and

WHEREAS, injuries and property damage from non-professional, private fireworks use is well documented and results in excessive demands for fire agency services during the Fourth of July holiday that reduces the District's capability to meet other life and property saving needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, property loss in Fire District No. 1 due to fireworks has totaled more than \$3.28 million since 2005. During that time, fireworks have caused fires that have displaced 15 households or families from seven homes and eight apartments, and at least three other unoccupied homes were also damaged; and

WHEREAS, many municipal jurisdictions within the region have already taken action to ban the sale and discharge of fireworks. This includes our partner cities, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, and Brier, as well as our neighboring cities of Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mukilteo, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, and the Town of Woodway; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners believes public safety in Snohomish County will be advanced if the sale and discharge of fireworks is prohibited in unincorporated Snohomish County, with the exception of professional displays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners:

1. Encourages other Fire Protection Districts in Snohomish County to pass similar Resolutions.
2. Asks the Snohomish County Council to adopt a ban on the sale and discharge of fireworks in unincorporated Snohomish County, with the exception of professional displays.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 1 on the 6th of June 2017.

by: 
Jim McGaughey, Chair

by: 
David Chan, Commissioner

by: 
Bob Meador, Commissioner

by: 
Jim Kenny, Commissioner

by: 
Richard Schrock, Commissioner

ATTEST: 
April Richardson, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners