

**ORDINANCE NO. 1460**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO FIREWORKS DISCHARGE REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 8.20.120 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE, TIME LIMIT – USE OF FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the City of Gig Harbor adopted Ordinance No. 1317 in order to amend regulation for the use of fireworks, consistent with state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gig Harbor may adopt local amendments to limit, prohibit sale or discharge of fireworks consistent with Chapter 70.77 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff met with the Finance and Safety Committee of the City Council on September 21, 2020 to discuss amendments to the fireworks regulations of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Safety Committee of the City Council directed staff to propose an amendment addressing changes regarding hours of discharge and present to City Council for direct consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that the local amendments contained herein are desirable to protect the public peace;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 8.20.120 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**8.20.120 Time limit – Use of fireworks.**

No person shall use or discharge any fireworks within the corporate limits of Gig Harbor except between ~~the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 1st through July 3rd,~~ and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and midnight on July 4th; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to duly authorized public displays where the same are authorized pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington..


Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Copy to Chief of the Washington State Patrol. Pursuant to RCW 70.77.250(4) the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this ordinance to the Chief of the Washington State Patrol for his files within ten (10) days after adoption of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force twelve (12) months after passage.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 26th day of April, 2021

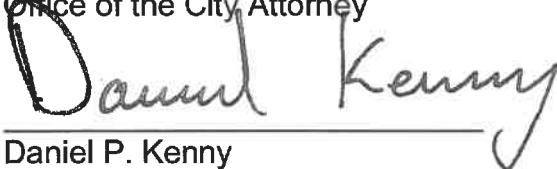
CITY OF GIG HARBOR

  
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Mayor Kit Kuhn

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney

  
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Daniel P. Kenny

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