

## **Staff Report**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Recommendation to Update Fireworks Code – Effective 2026	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
		<b>Prepared by:</b>	Kimber Ivy, Mayor

### **Summary:**

This staff report provides an overview of fireworks regulations in Roy and surrounding jurisdictions and recommends that the Roy City Council consider updating the City's fireworks ordinance to better reflect regional standards and community needs. The proposed changes would take effect in 2026 to allow sufficient time for public education and preparation.

### **Background:**

Under current city ordinance, Roy allows consumer fireworks to be discharged during the following dates and times:

- June 28: 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- June 29 – July 5: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- December 31: 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (January 1)

Roy's current discharge window is one of the longest in the region and no longer reflects best practices or current concerns from residents and neighboring jurisdictions.

### ***Regional Comparison***

Unincorporated Pierce County:

- July 4: 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
- December 31: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Unincorporated Thurston County:

- July 3–4: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- December 31: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Nearby Cities with Restrictions:

- Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater: Full consumer fireworks ban.
- Puyallup, Lakewood, Sumner, University Place: Limited to July 4 only.
- Fife, South Prairie, Milton: Strictly defined and shorter time windows.

### **Recommendation:**

Roy City Council update its fireworks ordinance with a reduced discharge window.

Proposed Discharge Schedule:

- July 4: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- December 31: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (January 1)

**Additional Recommendations:**

1. Prohibit all fireworks in public parks, and city-owned properties without permits or approval from the Council.

Roy's extended fireworks schedule is out of step with regional norms. A reduction in the permitted discharge period would better balance tradition with safety, health, and comfort for the community.

**Motion for consideration:** "I move to approve of the Purposed discharge schedule and update Roy City Code to reflect the new parameters."

**History of Agenda Item:**

Topic was discussed in years previous.