



Municipal Code Updates

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Lodging Tax Ordinance

- Ordinance 2431, passed in October of 2023, changed the process from a lodging tax committee to a direct allocation between the Economic Development Department and the Communications and Engagement Department.
- Municipal Code update would propose that the allocation be directly to the Economic Development Corporation rather than the Economic Development Department; and
- Would allow City Council to directly allocate lodging tax reserves to nonprofit organizations with a finding of a public purpose.

Elections Ordinance

- Currently, Municipal Code § 2-4-13 allows a candidate for Mayor or City Council to circulate a nomination petition no later than the 57th day prior to the date of the election.
- State statutes require candidates to file nomination petitions no later than the 71st day prior to the date of the election.
- Ordinance will amend the Municipal Code to align with state statute and adopt the 71st day prior to the election for the deadline to submit signed petitions.

Fireworks Ordinance

Article 8-28 regulates temporary fireworks stands by requiring an application for a permit.

The Municipal Code update adds a definition for authorized officer to allow code enforcement officers to issue citations.

Fireworks are now defined as anything that creates a visual or auditory sensation, including toy cannons, blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocket, rockets, roman candles, and any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound.

Fireworks Ordinance Continued



The update makes it unlawful for anyone to possess, store, handle, use, explode or discharge any firework anywhere in the City.



A new section is being added that will allow officers to seize or remove fireworks from a person violating the Code.



Mandatory penalties are being added as follows:

- First violation carries a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,500 or \$500 with 20 hours of community service.
- Second violation within 2 years carries a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000 or \$1,000 with 40 hours of community service.
- Third violation within 2 years carries a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,500.

Questions?

