

AMENDMENT NO. ____
TO
ORDINANCE NO. BL2023-1857

Mr. President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2023-1857 as follows:

I. By adding the following recitals:

WHEREAS, the use and sale of fireworks is currently prohibited within Davidson County;
and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on the sale of fireworks is enforceable and should continue;
and

WHEREAS, the use of fireworks is prevalent throughout the county on July 4 despite the
existing prohibition; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on the use of fireworks makes it illegal to enjoy even handheld
sparklers; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Communications Center is flooded with calls complaining
about the use of fireworks on July 4; and

WHEREAS, because this use is illegal, these calls are communicated to the Metro
Nashville Police Department for response; and

WHEREAS, neither the Metro Nashville Police Department nor the Nashville Fire
Department has capacity to respond to these calls; and

WHEREAS, police and fire resources are best directed elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, specific regulation on the use of fireworks could reduce these calls and
encourage fireworks users to operate within a set of guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the use of fireworks can be stressful for some combat veterans as well as
pets; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the status of fireworks as a stressor, these guidelines should
include only narrow exceptions to the existing prohibition on the use of fireworks.

II. By amending Section 1, proposed Section 10.68.020.B.2 as follows:

2. The fireworks are used or exploded on July 3, 4, ~~or 5~~ between the hours of noon
and 4-10:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:

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