

**SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE RFA  
RESOLUTION NO. 06122018-08**

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

**WHEREAS**, South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue 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 South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue's jurisdiction due to fireworks has totaled more than \$3.4 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 three of our partner cities, Edmonds, Brier, and Mountlake Terrace, as well as our neighboring cities of Marysville, Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mukilteo, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, and the Town of Woodway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snohomish County Council took positive action on this issue in August 2016 by passing an ordinance, codified at S.C.C. 30.53A.728, that created a process for citizens to petition the Council for the creation of no firework areas, but that process has not resulted in the creation of any no firework areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue's 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 South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue 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 special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018.