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Paul Fournier - Mary Faith Bell - Erin Skaar

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:00 PM

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PUBLIC HEARING - FIREWORKS ORDINANCE 5/28/2026

1. **6:00 p.m.**
Second Public Hearing: Concerning Adopting the Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency/Sheriff Joshua Brown, Sheriff's Office
2. Consideration of an Ordinance in the Matter of Adopting the Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency/Sheriff Joshua Brown, Sheriff's Office
3. Adjourn

FIRE WORKS ORDINANCE THIRD PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

STAFF: Rachel Hagerty, Chief Administrative Officer; Bryan Libel, County Counsel; Debi Garland, Board Assistant; Will Barlow, Library Systems Administrator, Information Services

Chair Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Tillamook County Main Library, 1716 3rd Street, Copeland/Hatfield Meeting Rooms, Tillamook.

1. 01:04 Staff Report and Presentation/Joshua Brown, Sheriff

08:45 Opened Public Hearing

08:50 Public Comments Rules/Bryan Libel, County Counsel

10:03 Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee position statement/Nancy Vandell, Chairperson

20:11 Fire concerns: El Niño year/Tom Prehoditch, Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee

23:33 Fire concern, not enough water to fight; noise, public safety/David Boone, President, Neahkahnie Water District Board of Commissioners

26:05 Concern about fires caused by previous years' fireworks/Jacki Hinton, Neahkahnie Citizens Advisory Committee

32:39 Fire concern, Neskowin heavily forested; pollution; opposes reduction of punishment/Tom Siep, Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee

37:04 Action premature; concern regarding reduction of penalty to civil violation/Wyatt Angelo, Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee

41:21 Closed Public Hearing

59:40 Deliberations/Chair Paul Fournier, Vice-Chair Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner Erin Skaar
2. 1:23:16 Consideration of an Ordinance in the Matter of Adopting the Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency/Joshua Brown, Sheriff

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed Ordinance #26-088.
3. 1:24:12 Adjourn - 7:24 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE
Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Guest Sign-in

Name

Contact Information

Ann & Steve Quinn

Diane Sutherland

Tom Prekoditch

Jacki Hinton

Dave Boone

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May 26, 2026

Re: Proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance

Commissioners Skaar, Bell and Fournier.

I support any significant effort to minimize the use of illegal fireworks in Neahkahnie.

As a resident of Neahkahnie, we enjoy a high population of visiting tourists during the summer months. A number of these visitors make setting off fireworks on the beach area a part of their stay. These are not bottle rockets or sparklers but large aerial shells and rockets. This activity typically begins at dusk and often continues well after midnight.

The use of such fireworks during dry summer months creates a significant risk of fire. We have been lucky so far in that no such fires have occurred. However, the high use of fireworks typically occurs when vegetation is dry and the Neahkahnie Water District's water supply (four springs) is limited.

The Water District maintains a 60,000-gallon reservoir reserve for firefighting. Several years ago, a fire involving two houses (caused by an improperly extinguished beach fire) used the full fire reserve and almost exhausted the complete reservoir storage of the District. The unnecessary creation of ignition sources from fireworks during high fire danger periods in the community is an unnecessary public safety hazard.

The noise from these aerial shells and rockets is very disruptive (my dog strongly agrees) stressing not only residents but local wildlife. Neahkahnie Beach is adjacent to the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve which serves to protect marine and other wildlife. These devices also leave a large quantity of debris on the beach which, if not rapidly collected by community residents, washes into the ocean further affecting marine wildlife.

The use of these illegal fireworks on the beach also endangers other people on the beach. Most of the ordinance being used contains significant levels of explosives with a vertical range of several hundred feet. It is unlikely that the individuals using these devices have any real training in their safe use and, based on the trash left on the beach, their celebration often includes significant alcohol consumption.

My understanding is that the proposed ordinance will enable the sheriff's department to more readily issue citations and confiscate the illegal fireworks. Furthermore, if a significant quantity of illegal fireworks is found, the State penalties will apply. While limited resources in the Sheriff's department will be a challenge in enforcement, there

should at least be prominent signage placed at each of the Neahkahnie Beach entrances during the summer months forbidding the use of fireworks on the beach.

On this basis, I support the proposed ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

David Boone

Resident of Neahkahnie

cc. Sheriff Brown, Director Absher

Tillamook Board of County Commissioners:

May 27, 2026

Re: Proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance

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All of this is meaningless without enforcement.

ENFORCEMENT

Personally, I enjoy fireworks on the 4th of July. I support the permitted fireworks show in Neskowin. I don't mind fireworks on the beach around the 4th of July, legal or not legal. I suspect many homeowners and visitors may feel similarly as evidenced by the patriotic displays. Of course, that doesn't excuse breaking any laws, but the idea of passing an ordinance when there is such a glaring lack of enforcement seems highly ineffective.

If a law will not be enforced, then what is the purpose?

Regards,
Hillary Gibson
Neskowin Village

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Proposed Fireworks Ordinance Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:01:10 PM
Attachments: [Fireworks.HG.PublicComment.pdf](#)

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Regards,
Hillary
Neskowin Village

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: 4th of July fireworks - Neahkahnie
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026 1:45:02 PM

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Dear Tillamook County Commissioners,

The 4th of July "party" at Mile Marker 21 at Neahkahnie Beach has gotten out of control. The following are among the greatest concerns:

1. Fire hazard. There are a lot of illegal fireworks. The people who come to this "Party" are so disrespectful and impaired that I fear for the neighborhood houses.
2. The music is so loud that we can't hear ourselves talk inside our house on 2nd Street. When I asked the DJ to turn it down after 8PM (so the babies could go to sleep), I was met with vulgarity and disdain.
3. The beach is a mess and the smoke is so thick and oppressive that it is dangerous for all, especially for small children who come to our house to enjoy the summer as well as older folks with various health issues. Lots of very drunk aggressive people there so that I don't really feel safe near my house.

I feel like we cannot come to our Neahkahnie house for that weekend which isn't fair. I think the truck with the loud DJ is like a magnet for all the rowdy people in the county.

Please do the following:

1. Do not allow the DJ truck.
2. Enforce ordinances that would minimize the fire danger, the smoke and the really loud music/loudspeakers.

I think if these actions are done for a couple of years, then the party will move elsewhere or be disbanded.

Thank you.

Susan Goelz and Manfred Baetscher

[REDACTED]

Nehalem (Neahkahnie). 97131.

From: [Trish Johnson](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Proposed Ordinance on Fireworks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:38:26 AM

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Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay, I am writing in support of posting signage regarding the use of illegal fireworks for the Neahkanie area of North Tillamook County.

The use of these signs in the city of Manzanita has proven to be a deterrent for some illegal fireworks activity. No such signs are in place in the unincorporated Neahkanie area.

Every year, significant use of illegal fireworks occurs, which creates a huge fire risk for this area of North Tillamook County. Placing signs in the area, listing the fines and potential hazards of using fireworks would be a step forward in attempting to reduce the risk of a devastating fire.

Your support for this action would be very much appreciated. As this part of the county is underserved by the Sheriffs department, this minimal step would be a helpful method of providing education and awareness to those who visit the area.

Sincerely yours,
Trish Johnson

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From: [Guy And Stacy](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 8:03:40 AM

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I support the fireworks ordinance that Tillamook County Commissioners are currently discussing and sharing with the public. Enforcement is key. When a minority of people violate the law and there are no consequences it emboldens some of them to increase risky and disrespectful behavior that can harm others and create conflict.

I wish Section 7 of the ordinance had stronger penalties and I certainly hope our cash strapped County attempts to recoup actual court costs from violators. Our Sheriff should impose maximum fines.

PS Fireworks are not a measure of patriotism- they are a Chinese invention. There are many other ways to celebrate our Independence Day.

Guy Kyle
[REDACTED]
Tillamook, OR 97141

Sent from my iPad

From: [Pat Mulvihill](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: fireworks ordinance
Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 10:12:19 AM

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I would like to urge the county to adopt the proposed ordinance regulating fireworks . It is equally important to enforce both existing and new restrictions .

We live at [REDACTED] in Neahkahnie I believe fireworks are already restricted here but that restriction is never enforced.

Besides the obvious fire and injury hazards, the fireworks are a huge noise problem impacting wildlife, pets and local residents. Veterans and PTSD victims suffer extremely The primary users are not local residents but vacation renters and day visitors . They leave a huge mess at the beach and elsewhere and the impacts/ explosions are more extreme, go later and become more dangerous and intrusive every year .

I have lived in areas where this constantly escalating problem becomes worse and worse as outsiders come in expecting to constantly outdo one another and last years party Eventually it becomes a law enforcement nightmare and a nightmare for local residents (see hermosa beach calif). I do not believe the fireworks justify the dangers and inevitable pain and suffering inflicted on the community that actually lives here Please adopt reasonable limitations and send some enforcement to end the explosions at a reasonable hour at least.

thank you Pat and Jill Mulvihill

[REDACTED] Neahkahnie

From: [Barbarry](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 1:30:42 PM

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To Sarah Absher and the Commissioners of Tillamook County,
I live near the beach in Neahkahnie and have experienced the sudden appearance of massive flames engulfing the trees just above the beach. It proceeded to burn the house on the bank until the fire department was able to contain it. This occurred 2 or 3 days after July 4 and after a few days of high, drying winds. Since Manzanita banned fireworks, all the action has moved north out of the city limits. The unincorporated county area to the north is not able to control what happens literally in their backyards and it is scary and nerve-wracking. On July 4th, hundreds of private fireworks are detonated until all hours of the night. It's obnoxious and dangerous to the surrounding neighborhoods during such a dry and sometimes ferociously windy time of year. I'm sure that the fire departments and water districts everywhere would love for this to stop as well.

I support the prohibition of fireworks in the county. I would love for fireworks to disappear altogether.

Thank you,
Barbara Rippey

From: [BRETT ZACK](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Proposed Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:22:16 PM

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Please do what you can to restrict Fireworks in our communities.

Here in Neahkahnie, there has been a huge rise in the prevalence and intensity of fireworks, with the affluence of our visitors and Manzanita's current enforcement of their ban.

The risk of a major fire event rises every year. We have neither the excess water nor the fire response to deal with a potential large event. The State Park is not equipped to enforce their theoretical ban on fireworks.

Regards,
Barry Marshall

From: [Leann Bennett](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: proposed emergency fireworks ordinance
Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:46:42 AM

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Good
day,
May 4th, 2026

Please add my comment to your records regarding the proposed emergency Fireworks ordinance.

I am strongly in support of this ban.

1. The risks in an extreme drought year are too great to allow unchecked fireworks.
2. I have seen rogue fireworks nearly land on my composite flammable roof from nearby neighbors. All it takes is a shift in wind and our village could be toast.
3. Also my dog is extremely agitated and the noise on the 4th goes on well past midnight disturbing my sleep.
4. Disturbs the natural flora and fauna in our neighborhood including the protected rocks.
5. The debris from the fireworks gets washed into the ocean and pollutes our sea life.

After seeing the fire at short beach the dangers are just too risky. We do need teeth in this ordinance and patrol please.

There are other alternatives such as lasers. These make a much better light show and celebration.

Thank you,
Leann Bennett
[REDACTED]
Oceanside, OR

[REDACTED]

Debra Garland

From: Kevin And Kathy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 7:45 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: EXTERNAL: Fireworks

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To whom it may concern,

Fireworks are considered by many tourists to be a beach activity that represents summer fun. I wonder how these same people would feel if the fireworks were exploded in their neighborhoods. I don't think fireworks can be controlled until the sale of fireworks is stopped.

Please consider a fireworks ban.

Sincerely,
Kathy Burke
Cape Meares

From: [Connie Cloyed](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: fireworks ordinance
Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:17:57 PM

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I was pleased to read that Tillamook County is passing an ordinance to restrict firework use in the county. I find fireworks a dangerous and invasive form of celebration completely unnecessary to the expression of gratitude for freedom. It is not private, it does not have oversight and folks who like them tend to set them off late into the night interrupting our coastal peace. I live out here because it is quiet and dark at night. Public fireworks shows have set hours, safety oversight and can be a fun community gathering and celebration. Individual fireworks are an unnecessary and unwanted extravagance. Thank you.

"The environment we create will determine what prevails. In other words, what we nurture and encourage wins." -- Jane Goodall

Connie Lorene Cloyed
Netarts, Oregon

From: [Frantz Coe](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:49:53 AM

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Dear Tillamook Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your adoption of the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance.

Every fourth of July, Neahkahnie beach and First street become a war zone of celebration. There is a complete disregard for safety and personal property.

The majority of the participants are renters from out of town having a great time blowing up stuff on the beach. Sadly the respect for the community that lives here is not on display. The fire potential is high and mostly disregarded, especially when fireworks on First street are lit off in front of the houses.

I hope the fireworks ordinance is adopted by the county and enforcement is a priority around the days of July fourth.

thank you,

Frantz Coe

[REDACTED]

Neahkahnie Beach [REDACTED]

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From: [Michael Cook](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Cc: admin@nknccac.org; [Linda](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Supporting Proposed County Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026 8:36:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

As full time residents of NeahKahNie and just a block up from the beach with it's strong winds and density of holiday visitors, we feel particularly at risk of potential wildfire from fireworks. We urge you to move forward with the proposed ordinance.

Given the complexities of enforcement, public awareness, jurisdictional coordination, we urge the County to provide essential budget and protocols to be successful. A countywide blanket of consistent signage across all jurisdictions, with a single non-emergency reporting number posted come to mind. The attached sign covering all of Barview Jetty Park seemed like a good start, one we could imagine along and leading to NeahKahNie beach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mike and Linda Cook

[REDACTED]

Nehalem/Neahkahie

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Please adopt Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9:59:58 AM

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Dear Tillamook Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your adoption of the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance.

Every fourth of July Neahkahnie beach is overrun with out-of-area visitors who put on a semi-professional fireworks display without any regard for the safety of the homes in the neighborhood.

As residents we are all on high alert fearing a dry evening and a westerly breeze that would carry the embers onto our homes. Luck has been the only thing that has saved our neighborhood from a fire catastrophe.

Adoption of this ordinance is urgently needed. Enforcement is crucial.

I recognize and appreciate the limitations of the Tillamook County Sheriff's department with regard to manpower. A limited number of officers can't be everywhere at once. But once adopted, if the ordinance could be vigorously enforced at Neahkahnie Beach for at least the first year or two it would send a strong message that would resonate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Duncan

[REDACTED]

Neahkahnie Beach, [REDACTED]

From: [Brenda Freshman](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Support for adopting the Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:25:55 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[Letter to Till County Comm. Support fireworks ordinance.docx](#)

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To: Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

Re: Support for adopting the Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I write in strong support of the proposed **Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance**, which establishes clear limits on the possession, sale, and use of consumer fireworks while preserving the ability to permit professional public displays under state law. These provisions are grounded in well-established wildfire science, public safety data, and consistent practice across Oregon counties facing heightened fire risk.

Consumer fireworks are a documented source of human-caused wildfire ignitions, particularly during summer conditions when dry fuels and coastal winds allow fires to spread rapidly. Oregon State University Extension and the Northwest Fire Science Consortium emphasize that **preventing avoidable ignition sources is one of the most effective wildfire mitigation strategies available to local governments**, especially in the wildland-urban interface. The proposed prohibition on possession and use in Section 6(A) directly addresses this risk by removing a discretionary activity that provides minimal community benefit compared to the potential for catastrophic harm. [\[extension....nstate.edu\]](#), [\[nwfirescience.org\]](#)

Other Oregon counties have adopted similar approaches. **Deschutes County**, for instance, has prohibited fireworks during seasonal fire restrictions on county-owned and unprotected lands for more than a decade as a core wildfire prevention measure, citing consistent success in reducing human-caused fire starts. Fireworks prohibitions are also common across jurisdictions during high-risk periods, including coastal and western Oregon counties, aligning local ordinances with statewide fire prevention norms. [\[deschutescounty.gov\]](#), [\[cascadebusnews.com\]](#) [\[klcc.org\]](#)

Section 6(B), requiring a valid retail permit for any consumer fireworks sales, reinforces accountability and compliance with ORS 480.127. This is particularly important given the documented link between retail access and injury rates. National Consumer Product Safety Commission data show that **thousands of people are treated in emergency departments each year for fireworks-related injuries**, with bystanders and children frequently affected. Oregon Health Authority injury surveillance underscores the burden these injuries place on rural emergency services, which already face staffing and resource constraints during peak summer months. [\[cpsc.gov\]](#) [\[oregon.gov\]](#)

The enforcement and confiscation authorities outlined in Sections 6(D) and (E) are essential to the ordinance's effectiveness. Fire science and emergency management research consistently finds that **clear enforcement authority and the ability to immediately remove hazardous materials are critical to deterrence and rapid risk reduction**, particularly during red-flag or

high-risk conditions. [\[kezi.com\]](https://kezi.com)

Finally, Section 6(C)'s exemption for permitted public displays appropriately balances community celebration with public safety by limiting fireworks use to professionally managed events under existing state oversight.

For these reasons, I urge the Board of Commissioners to adopt the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks ordinance, demonstrating a commitment to wildfire prevention, injury reduction, and responsible governance.

Respectfully,

Brenda Freshman

Neskowin resident & homeowner and Tillamook County farm land, housing and small forest owner.

References

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Fire Program – Wildfire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction.
OSU Extension provides science-based guidance emphasizing prevention of human-caused ignitions, including fireworks, as a core wildfire mitigation strategy in Oregon.
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire>
- 2. Northwest Fire Science Consortium.**
Barros, A., Shlisky Hunt, A., Davis, E. J., & Shults, P. (2025). *Wildfire Risk Products: A Technical Comparative Review for Pacific Northwest Professionals.*
This synthesis highlights the importance of reducing discretionary human ignition sources during high-risk fire periods.
https://www.nwfirescience.org/sites/default/files/publications/Risk%20Synthesis_LR.pdf
- 3. Deschutes County, Oregon.**
County Sets Fire Restrictions for County-Owned and Unprotected Lands. (April 29, 2026).
Describes long-standing seasonal fire restrictions, including fireworks prohibitions, adopted to prevent human-caused wildfires.
<https://www.deschutescounty.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/254>
- 4. Cascade Business News.**
Fire Restrictions on County-Owned Property to Begin June 1. (May 27, 2025).
Summarizes Deschutes County's annual fire restrictions, explicitly prohibiting fireworks during fire season.
<https://cascadebusnews.com/fire-restrictions-on-county-owned-property-to-begin-june-1/>
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Anthony, T. (July 1, 2025). *What Fireworks Are Legal, and Where They Are Banned or Restricted in Western Oregon.*
Reviews fireworks restrictions imposed by counties, cities, and public land agencies across Oregon.
<https://www.klcc.org/crime-law-justice/2025-07-01/what-fireworks-are-legal-and-where-they-are-banned-or-restricted-in-western-oregon>
- 6. Oregon Health Authority (OHA).**
Injury and Violence Prevention Program – Injury Data Dashboards.
Provides injury surveillance data used to understand fireworks-related injuries and their impact on emergency services.
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DiseasesConditions/InjuryFatalityData/Pages/index.aspx>

7. **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).**

Hwang, A., & Pledger, D. (2024). *2023 Fireworks Annual Report*.

National data on fireworks-related deaths and emergency-department-treated injuries, widely cited by public safety agencies.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/2023-Fireworks-Annual-Report.pdf>

8. **KEZI News / Oregon Department of Forestry.**

Oregon Faces Significant Wildfire Risk by Summer, Officials Say. (Updated May 5, 2026).

Reports on statewide fire danger forecasts and reinforces the importance of limiting ignition sources such as fireworks.

https://www.kezi.com/news/local/oregon-faces-significant-wildfire-risk-by-summer-officials-say/article_e3ce4fcb-963e-4241-9b4b-d06a7822be97.html

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Please ban fireworks
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4:13:09 PM

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I strongly support the proposed ban on fireworks in unincorporated areas of the County, and I urge the Commissioners to ensure that adequate law enforcement personnel are provided to ensure compliance.

Last July my house was partially set on fire by fireworks. They are dangerous!

Thank you.

Ken Jones

Neahkahnie

From: [Candice & Gregory Miller](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Cc: [Candice and Gregory Miller](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 12:21:16 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance.

There has been an increasing and disturbing use of aerial fireworks, M-80s etc. in Neskowin. This has been accelerated by the fact that Lincoln City has implemented a citywide prohibition on personal fireworks on all public and private property, beaches, streets and parks. Subsequently, there are more people heading to Neskowin to shoot off illegal fireworks on our beaches.

My husband and I live on the South Beach end and have noticed an increased use of fireworks in July and throughout the year. This is particularly disturbing during the July 4th holiday when people mix fireworks with all day alcohol consumption. Not a safe nor pleasant environment. The noise and pollution that this causes is not only bad for people, pets and wildlife, sensitive to loud explosions, but it also negatively impacts the beaches and ocean. We walk the beach daily after the 4th and pick up a ridiculous amount of trash and debris caused by these fireworks and the people who set them off. Most of this garbage is thrown into fire pits, covered with sand and pulled out into the ocean during higher tides.

(See attached photo)

The other aspect of allowing people to use fireworks is that this can happen ANY time of the year. For example:

- One year on a September weekday someone decided to light them up at 1:30am in the morning
- Two days after July 4th, a family was setting aerals off at 4:00pm in the afternoon.
- One March evening, aerals were set off at 10:00pm.
- In late August, minors were drinking beer and setting them off at 11:00pm.
- March 1, 2026 someone was setting off M-80s on the south end of the beach and on the north end you could hear gunfire.

Additionally, fireworks going off during the year and not just the July 4th week, is that people who own pets or are sensitive to explosions can't effectively plan when to leave or not be here.

We realize that OPRD has a limited budget but enforcement during the July 4th week could curtail the unsanctioned/un-permitted activity.

I also believe that there should be more restrictions regarding permitted fireworks. Please consider adding/amending the following to this ordinance:

- Increasing the fines: presumptive fine of \$165 to \$300 and maximum fine to \$1000
- A curfew of 9pm to 11pm for permitted fireworks displays
- Mandatory clean up of fireworks debris
- An all year fireworks ban **except** for approved permits for July 4th

Thank you,

Candice Miller
Newkown, Oregon



From: [Gregory Miller](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Ban Fireworks
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9:54:10 AM

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To the Tiillamook Commissioners,

As we approach the summer months and particularly the 4th of July here in Neskowin and South Beach where we live, the community will be bracing itself for another season of illegal fireworks on our beach. Where these illegal fireworks turn our community into an annual war zone, this year being the 250th celebration of independence, there will no doubt be an unprecedented amount of gross behavior fueled by alcohol consumption and thousands of dollars spent on illegal fireworks.

The increased use of illegal fireworks here in Neskowin and particularly South Beach over the years is in a large part due to Lincoln City's ban on the fireworks in 2022. Where vacationers in the past would purchase and fire off fireworks, illegally, on the Lincoln City beach, now they travel up to Neskowin and South Beach. Since there is no enforcement from beach rangers or law enforcement, vacationers can come here and freely create unchecked illegal activity at the expense of wildlife, pets, veterans and the community of those of us that live here full time.

In addition there is the issue of garbage left behind. For the eleven years we have lived in South Beach it has been our responsibility, not he vacationers, to spend days after the 4th onwards with garbage bags and buckets cleaning the beach of all manner of fireworks. Spent cardboard and fiberglass cartridges coated with potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulfur residue, ceramic fireworks stoppers, fireworks cartons, beer cans and bottles. All of which, if not taken off the beach would be washed out to the ocean.

This illegal activity often starts days before the 4th of July and can extend to the end of November as vacationers, who have no regard for the environment , the law or the community, feel it is necessary and their right to enhance their enjoyment of the beach by shooting off every last dollar of fireworks they have purchased. Not to mention that their uninvited illegal display often continues on till well after midnight. This behavior has become an epidemic and we, in our community, have no recourse other than putting up with it or as we do, leave for days.

This behavior has become more than a nuisance. It has evolved into a saturation of bad behavior that dominates Neskowin and South Beach and no doubt the whole of the coast during the summer months.

The county must mandate the preservation of our nature resources, take the responsibility to not only protect the natural environment, but to also protect the beach community that is being subjected to unreasonable, illegal and dangerous behavior that occurs on the beaches and communities.

I applaud the county for proposing this ordinance. However, in addition to passing this ordinance there must be a plan to enforce it. In the past my wife and I have worked with OPRD posting signs prohibiting fireworks. The vacationers steal the signs and or burn them in their fires. So if there is not a concrete system in place to patrol the beaches here in Neskowin and South Beach, this ordinance, although well intended, will do nothing to curb this illegal and all around abusive behavior.

Kind regards,

Gregory G. Miller
South Beach, Neskowin

(This is a compilation of just one fire pit of firework debris left by one vacationer over the 4th last year. If we had not pick up this toxic debris it would have been washed out to the ocean).



<https://www.gregorygmillerphotography.com/index>

From: [Martha Richards](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Proposed Emergency Fireworks Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:22:45 PM

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I am in favor of banning fireworks in Oceanside.

I own the house at [REDACTED] in Oceanside and every year during the evenings around the 4th of July, fireworks launched from the beach are visible and audible from my living room. Many years, there are also smaller (but still LOUD) fireworks being lit on nearby streets.

I have spent many of those evenings in a back bedroom comforting my quivering dog. She is not alone in being afraid of the loud booms and crackles and whistles that the fireworks make — in addition to pets, combat veterans and wildlife also often find the noise very stressful. While my dog is afraid of the sounds, I am afraid of the fire danger. Our climate, even at the coast, is becoming hotter and drier so the risk of an errant firework starting a major fire is becoming more and more likely.

I have also spent a number of July 5th mornings on the beach, helping to pick up the fireworks detritus left behind by revelers. I often wonder how much of this toxic waste we miss because it landed in the ocean or was taken by the tides overnight.

Many communities in Oregon and across the United States have already banned fireworks because of the fire hazard, environmental damage, and general scariness to sensitive individuals. Please, for the safety of our community, ban fireworks.

Thank you ,
Martha Richards

From: [Amy Stang](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); admin@nknccac.org
Subject: EXTERNAL: Re: Comments on Fireworks ban
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 1:19:03 PM

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Additionally, I would point out that an \$85 fine for use/possession/sale of banned fireworks does not seem prohibitive. Consideration of the dangers and harm caused by these acts, the fines should be commensurate with the level of harm and long term and significant impact of the action. Thank you.

On Wed, May 6, 2026 at 10:35 AM Amy Stang [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you for allowing public comment on the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance and to declare an emergency. In addition to the negative impact of fireworks to the people of Tillamook County I have included the known data regarding the significant harm also caused to our environment, wildlife, and domestic animals. These impacts pose threats that clearly support the need for the ban and emergency declaration. See details below.

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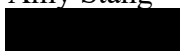
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From: [Amy Stang](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); admin@nknccac.org
Subject: EXTERNAL: Comments on Fireworks ban
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Amy Stang



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From: [Steve Stewart](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Neskowin fireworks ban
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 12:54:19 PM

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I would like to express my overwhelming support for the proposed Neskowin fireworks ban. The message needs sending loud and clear there is absolutely NO place for this activity in Neskowin or any other municipality on the Coast. The reasons are myriad including noise, air quality, fire, personal injury, pet terror, clean up, and the irresponsible behavior invariably accompanying the perpetrators to list a few. Enough!

S.R. StewartMD

[REDACTED]

Neskowin,OR 97149

Sent from my iPad



May 23, 2026

To: Tillamook County Board of Commissioners:

From: The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC)

Subject: Proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance

The NCAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance. The attached position statement was approved by the NCAC Membership at a special meeting today¹, following unanimous approval by the NCAC Executive Board on May 20. **We are concerned about lessening the class of violation and associated penalties presented in the proposed ordinance. In addition, we plead for added enforcement of current law.**

Although Fourth-of-July fireworks have been a part of Neskowin for many decades, the incidence of illegal fireworks in our community has increased due, in part, to complete fireworks bans in places like nearby Lincoln City. Many Neskowin residents and property owners are highly concerned about the danger of unpermitted fireworks. These unbridled displays of celebration have negative effects on the cleanliness of the beaches as well as disturbing wildlife, pets, and people. Fireworks present a fire hazard and often contain harmful chemicals that subsequently pollute the land and ocean.

Fireworks are no longer confined to the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. Instead, they begin at least two weeks before Independence Day and continue well afterward. They often start early in the morning and carry on late into the night. Fireworks that are legal in some neighboring states are brought into our community, increasing both their availability and use. These commercial-grade fireworks are large, loud, and dangerous. Although most are set off on the beach, many are also used in residential neighborhoods.

The NCAC requests that the Commissioners amend the proposed ordinance to **make the ordinance consistent** with Oregon law and the Oregon State Fire Marshall regulations regarding penalties for fireworks violations.

The NCAC also requests that the Commissioners consider adopting or amending the proposed Fireworks Ordinance to:

- **Add penalties for vicarious liability for adults** when children violate the ordinance
- **Establish dates and times curfews** for legal fireworks
- **Provide resources to enforce the law**, perhaps partnering with multiple agencies responsible for enforcement of the law in Oregon
- **Enforce clean-up of Tillamook County beaches, including Neskowin beaches**, on July 5 and for two weeks following, as well as after New Year's Eve.
- **Provide signage and other notifications** of the law and penalties in Tillamook County, including at entrances in Neskowin and on its beaches
- **Add specific Fireworks Ordinance information** that covers both legal consumer fireworks and fireworks that require special permits to short-term rental (STR) renters' information

Thank you for consideration of these matters.

Nancy Vandell, Chairperson

¹ The vote was 23 in favor, one opposed, three abstaining, and two stating not eligible to vote



POSITION STATEMENT OF THE NESKOWIN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING PROPOSED TILLAMOOK COUNTY FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

NCAC Position

The NCAC takes no position concerning all but one section of the proposed ordinance. In Oregon, certain fireworks are legal and can be used without a permit from the Oregon State Fire Marshal (e.g., certain "consumer fireworks" such as flitter sparklers, fountains, smoke devices, ground spinners, wheels, and novelty devices). Other fireworks are illegal unless authorized by a limited valid permit from the State Fire Marshal and only after an applicant demonstrates the ability to follow permitting procedures requiring significant public protections (e.g., certain "consumer fireworks" and "display fireworks" such as skyrockets, missiles, cherry bombs, M-80s, Roman candles, firecrackers, and cherry bombs). Although it could be clearer, Section 6 of the proposed ordinance regarding "Fireworks Prohibition" does not reduce the state restrictions regarding permissible fireworks, as it cannot, and thus is consistent with Oregon law.

However, with all due respect to the arguments advanced by those in favor of Section 7 of the proposed ordinance regarding "Penalties,"² **the NCAC does not support Section 7's reduction of penalties for illegal/non-permitted fireworks because it is inconsistent with Oregon law and regulations regarding criminal and civil penalties for fireworks violations and, as a result, reduces the deterrent effect of such penalties.**

In addition, the NCAC also requests that the Commissioners consider adopting or amending the proposed Fireworks Ordinance to include, among other things, specific language regarding the culpability of adults when children under their care violate the ordinance, regulations for curfews of dates and times for which legal fireworks may occur, and additional provisions described in the cover letter to this Position Statement dated May 23, 2026. The NCAC's reasoning and concerns are set forth below.

Reasons and Concerns

Enforcement: Currently there is no observable enforcement in Neskowin of the Oregon Fireworks Statute³. The NCAC sees no benefit to the County creating a competing regulatory layer with lesser penalties and remedies and even less likelihood of having a deterrent effect than that provided by the aforementioned Oregon law and regulations. A meaningful law enforcement response for fireworks violations in Neskowin has been absent. The numerous illegal/non-permitted discharge of fireworks during successive weeks in the summer, yearly holidays, and other times are a continuing problem.

The lack of enforcement of illegal/non-permitted fireworks in Neskowin is only the tip of the iceberg to the larger problems of law enforcement's distance from Neskowin and the attendant response times by all local and state agencies with the responsibility and powers to enforce the existing law. However, some of these problems appear to be a matter of Tillamook County and

² "Clarifying the Proposed Tillamook County Fireworks Ordinance," *The Tillamook County Pioneer*, May 7, 2026

³ ORS 480.111 to 480.165, as administered by the State Fire Marshal (OAR 837-012-0700 to 837-012-0970, those rules and regulations implementing the standards, policies and procedures for fireworks displays in Oregon)

State policy in the allocation of resources to the south county area, including Neskowin, even in situations emergently hazardous. In the future, the NCAC looks forward to working with all responsible agencies to assist where it can in correcting these problems.

Scope of Problem: Neskowin is a beach-front destination that attracts many visitors over holidays, some of whom bring unregulated fireworks. In addition, a culture of illegal fireworks (often combined with alcohol) exists and has grown through the decades. Some NCAC members, even those who normally enjoy permitted fireworks, describe feeling like they are in a “war zone” with the smoke and noise.

Many NCAC members have voiced concerns about the detrimental effects of unregulated fireworks on wildlife, pets, veterans of war and neurodivergent people. Fireworks impede the peaceful enjoyment of property and risk habitat degradation and fire. Non-permitted fireworks are often set off in fire-prone areas, are excessively loud, and continue well into early morning hours. No curfews exist for currently legal fireworks.

Because of the long history, many people are unaware that their activities are illegal. Signs that inform of the laws and penalties regarding fireworks have been placed in the past, only to have been torn down. Children are often setting off illegal fireworks, without adequate supervision. Although some people responsibly clean up the resulting debris, many do not, and the beach and the streets are full of the remnants of celebration in the morning.

Potential Legal and Other Practical Issues: The penalties in the proposed ordinance for illegal, non-permitted fireworks displays substantially decreases the deterrent effect of those penalties already set by Oregon law. The legislature’s Fireworks Ordinance makes the State Fire Marshal not only responsible for all rules granting permits for supervised public fireworks displays of any person, organizations or groups of individuals, but also mandates that the State Fire Marshal will adopt rules for granting such permits (ORS 480.120(1)(b) and 480.150). Such rules have been adopted. (See OAR 837-012-0700 to 837-012-0970). This regulatory regime provides for criminal penalties as follows:

(3) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.111 through 480.160 **is a Class B misdemeanor**. . . . Justice and district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts in all proceedings arising within ORS 480.111 to 480.160;

(a) The sentence for a Class B misdemeanor is set forth by ORS 161.615 [i.e., a maximum of 6 months imprisonment];

(b) The sentence to pay a fine for a Class B misdemeanor is set forth by ORS 161.635 and 161.655 [i.e., a maximum fine of \$2500].

(OAR 837-012-0940(3 and 4); emphasis added)

OAR 837-012-0940(1 and 2) and ORS 480.158 and 480.165 also provide for additional civil penalties or remedies for Oregon fireworks violations including a maximum civil penalty of \$500 per violation, confiscation and/or destruction of illegal fireworks, substantial parental liability for damages caused by children and incurred by a public fire agency in suppressing fires resulting from violations, and other civil damages.

The Board of Commissioners should assure itself, in considering the adoption of the proposed Ordinance, that the ordinance is not in contravention of Oregon law regarding penalties and damages associated with fireworks violations.

In addition, although the NCAC is sympathetic with the concerns regarding the enforcement limitations of the current fireworks ordinance, the NCAC hopes and expects that impediments and obstacles to enforcement can be overcome in the future. In not supporting Section 7 of the proposed ordinance regarding “Penalties”, the NCAC simply does not want to waive or limit any rights it currently has, or will have in the future, to argue that enforcement must be upgraded and properly administered with the appropriate deterrent effect as envisioned by Oregon law and regulations. County law enforcement officials and departments constitute only one jurisdictional part of those government actors and agencies in Oregon that collectively have responsibility for enforcing Oregon fireworks law and regulations. Under current law and regulations, others include the State Police, the rural fire district, the State Parks and Recreation Department, the county courts and ultimately, and most importantly, the State Fire Marshal. The NCAC hopes that any and all of these agencies and offices will step up in the future to properly enforce Oregon fireworks laws and regulations in Neskowin. The NCAC intends to assist in this effort.

Conclusion: Should the Board of Commissioners desire the NCAC to provide additional information or remedial suggestions, an NCAC town hall attended by those involved and affected can easily be facilitated.

From: [Tom Prehoditch](#)
To: [Nancy Vandell](#); [Debra Garland](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#); [Tom Siep](#); [Wyatt Angelo](#); [Admin NCAC](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: EXTERNAL: My public comments at May 28, 2026, 6 pm Board of Commissioners meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 5:12:59 PM

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Ms. Garland:

It is my intention to be present at the BOC meeting on Thursday. However, I am also a Commissioner of the Neskowin Regional Water District and we have meetings Thursday afternoon in Neskowin on budgetary matters that may last until 5 or later. I can be in Tillamook in less than an hour.

If I'm able, I will be at the BOC meeting on Thursday in person. I would like to keep the virtual spot only if I'm unable to get there in time. Please let me know if that's possible.

Given that Nancy will read the NCAC Position Statement, I will be at the meeting largely as backup to her, if necessary, and to answer any questions the Commissioners may have. Any additional public comments I have will last less than a minute.

Thank you for your assistance,

Tom Prehoditch

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From: Nancy Vandell [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 4:48 PM

To: Debra Garland [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: EXTERNAL: My public comments at May 28, 2026, 6 pm Board of Commissioners meeting

Hi, Debi -

Thank you for your time this morning, and for this email acknowledging our plan to comment virtually.

We appreciate Chair Fournier's preference for one person to read the position statement and

cover letter into the record and giving us the time to do so. I will read the document sent earlier this morning and attached again below.

Wyatt Angelo, Tom Siep and I plan to attend virtually. Tom Prehoditch is planning to attend in person, but would like the Teams link to attend virtually if he gets held up (he will communicate with you individually about this).

Just to clarify, If time allows, will Wyatt, Tom Prehoditch and Tom Siep be able to testify up to two minutes each as well?

Warmly,

- Nancy

Nancy Vandell, Chairperson
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] May 26, 2026, at 3:57 PM, Debra Garland [REDACTED]
wrote:

Good afternoon, everyone –

This is to acknowledge receipt of CAC members' individual emails advising that you each plan to provide public comment at the public hearing on Thursday, 5/28. Will each of you please confirm with me if you will be attending virtually by 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning? In the interest of expediency and to ensure that everyone who wants to speak gets to speak, the Teams meeting link is provided to folks who plan to give virtual public comment.

If someone wants to listen in who does not plan to give public comment, or if anyone has technical issues with Teams, the phone-in information is: **1-971-254-3419, Conference ID # 866 914 607#**. We ask that everyone mute their device when joining the meeting, and keep cameras turned off until your name is called.

I'm attaching the Board of Commissioners' meeting policies and procedures for more in-depth meeting protocol/information.

Nancy, as we discussed this morning, Chair Fournier has advised that if everyone is in agreement, he prefers to have one person read the CAC position statement into the record even if it takes a few minutes longer.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Debi Garland | Board Assistant
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Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 11:29 AM
To: Public Comments <publiccomments@tillamookcounty.gov>
Cc: Nancy Vandell [REDACTED]
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Thank you.

Tom Prehoditch



From: [linda angelo](#)
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My name is Wyatt Angelo and I am Chair of the NCAC Bylaws Subcommittee and member of the Executive Board and would like to address the proposed ordinance at tonights meeting on behalf of the NCAC as well. thank you. Wyatt Angelo

From: tom.siep.us
To: [Public Comments](#)
Cc: [Nancy Vandell](#); [Wyatt Angelo](#); [Tom Prehoditch](#)
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Neskowin, OR 97149

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