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Substitute resolution establishing a Fireworks Task Force.

This resolution establishes a fireworks task force to evaluate and make recommendations relating to decreasing the prevalence of fireworks in the City, how fireworks are getting into the City and who is distributing or selling them. The task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 6 months of adoption of this resolution, and shall thereafter be dissolved.

Whereas, The City prohibits the sale and discharge of all fireworks in the City, with an exception for fireworks wholesalers who ship or deliver fireworks directly out of the City; and

Whereas, However, even though fireworks are prohibited in the City, their prevalence in the City is widespread and common, and fireworks usage proliferates in the City on particular dates, especially on the 4th of July and New Year's Eve; and

Whereas, Fireworks pose substantial risks to persons engaged in discharging them and bystanders, and frequently cause serious injuries to hands, fingers, eyes, face and head, and many of these injuries are irreparable and may cause death; and

Whereas, Fireworks frequently cause substantial damage to nearby structures, vehicles and the natural environment and are a general public nuisance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a Fireworks Task Force is created and shall consist of:

1. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee.
2. Two Common Council members, appointed by the Common Council President.
3. One member from the 4th of July Commission, appointed by the Commission.
4. Four community members, appointed by the Common Council President.
5. One member from the Police Department, appointed by the Police Chief.
6. One member from the Fire Department, appointed by the Fire Chief.
7. One member from Municipal Court, appointed by the Chief Judge.
8. One member from the City Attorney's Office, appointed by the City Attorney.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force is directed to evaluate and make recommendations relating to decreasing the prevalence of fireworks in the City, how fireworks are getting into the City and who is distributing or selling them; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall provide staff support to the task force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That all City departments are authorized and directed to cooperate with and assist the task force in carrying out its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force may request assistance from non-city entities in carrying out its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 6 months of adoption of this resolution and shall thereafter be dissolved.

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