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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

SUBJECT: Fireworks Advisory Ballot Measure

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION ASKING WHETHER QUALIFIED VOTERS RECOMMEND THE POULSBO CITY COUNCIL PASS AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AT ALL TIMES WITHIN THE POULSBO CITY LIMITS; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF ADVISORY PROPOSITION 1; DIRECTING CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.77.136, consumer fireworks are any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion, and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States consumer product safety commission; and

WHEREAS, currently, under the Poulsbo Municipal Code, consumer fireworks may be sold and purchased from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p.m. on June 28th, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on each day from June 29th through July 4th, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on July 5th, and from 12:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. from December 27th through December 31st. Consumer fireworks may only be discharged between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2025, the Poulsbo City Council ("Council") adopted Ordinance 2025-03, which changed the days consumer fireworks could be sold and purchased from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p.m. on June 28th, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on each day from June 29th through July 4th with the changes taking effect one year from the date of its passage; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that fireworks are a traditional way of celebrating national independence and the Fourth of July. The Council also recognizes risks and consequences of the discharge of consumer fireworks that may be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to determine the will of the public on this issue by placing an advisory proposition on the November 4, 2025, election ballot presenting the question of whether the Council should pass an ordinance that will prohibit the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks within Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, the Council will consider the results of this advisory proposition when determining what action, if any, should be taken with regards to regulating the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks in Poulsbo. The prohibition of the sale, possession, or discharge of consumer fireworks would not affect properly licensed and permitted public displays of fireworks.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The Poulsbo City Council ("Council") finds that the interests of the City of Poulsbo will be best served by placing before the voters an advisory proposition asking voters whether the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks should be prohibited within the City of Poulsbo.

Section 2. Calling of an Advisory Vote. The Council, by the adoption of this Resolution, requests that the Kitsap County Auditor, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections in Kitsap County, place on the ballot for the November 4, 2025, general election, the following advisory proposition to advise the Council whether to prohibit the sale, possession,

and discharge of consumer fireworks within the Poulsbo City limits. This vote is advisory only, and the Council will not be legally bound by its results but will carefully consider the results in making any decision regarding fireworks.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 5, 2025, to the Kitsap County Auditor, a copy of this resolution and the following advisory proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters at that election, in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON
ADVISORY PROPOSITION 1
SALE, POSSESSION, AND DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER
FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF POULSBO**

The Poulsbo City Council is calling for an advisory election to determine whether the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks should be prohibited in the City of Poulsbo. The prohibition of the sale, possession or discharge of consumer fireworks would not affect properly licensed and permitted public displays of fireworks.

Should the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks be prohibited in the City of Poulsbo?

YES

NO.....

For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Council hereby designates the City Clerk as the individual to whom such notice should be provided. The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Kitsap County Auditor.

The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution

including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

The proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to submit this advisory proposition to Poulsbo voters at the November 4, 2025, election.

Section 4. Voters' Pamphlet. The Council finds and declares it to be in the best interests of the City to have information regarding this advisory proposition included in local voters' pamphlets, and authorizes the appropriate costs thereof to be charged to and paid by the City, and further authorizes and directs the City Attorney and City Clerk to provide such information to the Kitsap County Auditor and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to that end.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption in the manner provided by law.

RESOLVED this 4th day of June, 2025.

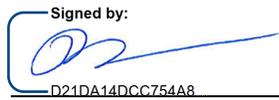
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MAYOR, REBECCA ERICKSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Signed by:

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CITY CLERK, RHIANNON FERNANDEZ

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