



KYLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

Date: November 29, 2017

To: Scott Sellers, City Manager

Cc: James Earp, Assistant City Manager

From: Jeff Barnett, Chief of Police

Re: Request to Amend City Ordinance
To Authorize City Code Enforcement Officers
To Issue Citations for Fireworks Related Violations of Code

As you know, the City has taken a strict stance on the illegal discharge of fireworks within the City limits. This stance has been taken primarily for safety reasons, but it is also in response to the large volume of citizen complaints resulting from the disturbing noise, false "gun shots fired" calls and trash.

In effort to maximize our enforcement abilities, we are asking that the Code Enforcement Division of the Kyle Police Department be authorized to issue citations for code violations related to fireworks. Currently, the ordinance limits this authority to city police officers and the fire marshal. Code Enforcement Officers are authorized to issue citations and file complaints for other code violations, so this addition is directly in-line with their current assignment and job functions.

We would recommend the following language be added to Section 23-150

(d) The fire marshal, police officer of the city, code enforcement officer or any other duly constituted peace officer of the City is empowered to issue citations for any violation of this Section.

Thank you for your consideration on this request.