



# Arapahoe County

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## Board Summary Report

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Prepared By:**  
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**Presenter:** Ron Carl, County Attorney

**Subject:**  
First Reading of Arapahoe County Ordinance No. 2025-01 (Fireworks)

**Purpose and Request:**

The purpose of this General Business Item is for the first reading of the proposed Arapahoe County Ordinance No. 2025-01 regarding a one-year ban on the sale and use of fireworks in unincorporated Arapahoe County. This is the first step in the required statutory process for a county to adopt the ordinance. The next step will be to publish the proposed ordinance and then to hold a hearing on the adoption of the ordinance.

**Background and Discussion:** The proposed Ordinance No. 2025-01 is presented for a first reading in conformance with statutory requirements. It is essentially the same as ordinance 2024-01, which has been in effect for the past year.

The ordinance as drafted will ban the sale and use of fireworks for a period of one year; except that the ordinance will not be in effect during the May 31 to July 5 period, unless the Board of County Commissioners adopts a resolution finding that there is high fire danger warranting the imposition of the ban during such period. In the event a resolution is adopted banning fireworks during the May 31 to July 5 period, such ban may be lifted if the Board subsequently determines that conditions have changed and there is no longer high fire danger.

The proposed Ordinance provides that any person who violates the Ordinance commits a civil infraction and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for a second offense, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a third and any subsequent offense.

**Fiscal Impact:** No significant financial impact is anticipated.

**Alternatives:** The BOCC could elect not to proceed with the first reading of the ordinance.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- ☒ Be fiscally sustainable
- ☒ Provide essential and mandated service
- ☒ Be community focused

**Suggestion Motion(s):** See attached.

**Resolution:** See attached.