



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Council Member Lillian Hunter and Council Assistant Claire Goodwin
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Safe Streets Fireworks Outreach at Alling Park – June 8, 2021
DATE: May 26, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the use of \$1,500 from the Council Contingency Fund to support neighborhood outreach around Alling Park to address illegal use of fireworks by the Safe Streets Campaign, a grassroots organization that unites and inspires neighbors, youth, and businesses to build safe, healthy, and thriving communities.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Lillian Hunter and Council Member Chris Beale

BACKGROUND:

Neighbors around and near Alling Park in the South End have been trying to address the rampant illegal use of fireworks around the July 4th holiday every year. In combination with the anticipated passage of the ordinance to increase the penalty of illegal use of fireworks from a Class 2 civil infraction to a Class 1 civil infraction, this Council Contingency Fund request will provide the on-the-ground community outreach necessary to bring awareness of the dangers of illegal use of fireworks.

The Safe Streets Campaign specializes in engaging with community and established neighborhood groups to assist in mobilizing for a specific outreach event or cause. The Safe Streets Campaign will work with the local neighborhood group to bring awareness of the new legislation, educate neighbors on the risk to property and life of fireworks, and promote public safety in the lead-up to the July 4th holiday and the weeks after if deemed helpful. The funding will support any needed supplies for a thorough outreach effort to the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

In collaboration between the Safe Streets Campaign and residents near Alling Park, a small ad hoc group has been organizing to create a pilot program to help reduce illegal use of fireworks leading up to the July 4th holiday and the day-of. This is a community-led effort in a neighborhood that has been historically under-resourced.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

This resolution will advance public safety through neighborhood community outreach led by the local community in a historically underserved neighborhood. Alling Park falls under a “low” opportunity designation based on the City's Equity Index.

Civic Engagement: Equity Index Score: Low Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Low Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.



Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

This resolution will increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma by supporting this effort financially and other assistance provided by the Tacoma Fire Department in response to an ongoing community-identified problem of wide-spread illegal use of fireworks around the July 4th holiday. This resolution will also increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life by reducing a public safety hazard and empowering residents to impact the issue.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. No action	Funding would be available for other Council-initiated requests	The Alling Park community would not benefit from an organized effort to attempt to reduce the illegal use of fireworks in the neighborhood.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Success is defined as the neighborhood group being equipped with the necessary supplies to conduct an impactful outreach around Alling Park and this funding will support that work.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is to authorize the use of \$1,500 from the Council Contingency Fund to support neighborhood outreach around Alling Park to address illegal use of fireworks by the Safe Streets Campaign.



FISCAL IMPACT:

This has a fiscal impact of \$1,500 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1030 – Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$1,500
TOTAL			\$1,500

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

YES

The Council Contingency Fund is provided an established amount of funding each year available for Council-sponsored initiatives.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Other impacts of not implementing this resolution include ongoing illegal use of fireworks around Alling Park with no attempted mitigation.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?

No

The resolution funds community outreach by a non-profit and neighborhood community group.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution