



Local Ballot Measure: CC

Impartial Analysis of Measure CC

This ballot **Measure CC** was placed on the ballot by the Seaside City Council and proposes a change to the City of Seaside's regulation of fireworks. The voters of the City of Seaside are asked whether or not to adopt Ordinance 2027 which will enact a ban on all sales, possession and use of fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks. The only exception would be when such fireworks discharge is part of a public display, agricultural or educational activities which are subject to a permit.

A "yes" vote will adopt Ordinance 2027 and the ban on safe and sane fireworks.

A "no" vote is a vote against the ban, will leave the existing fireworks regulations in effect.

Currently, the Seaside Municipal Code Chapter 8.32 permits the sale, possession, use and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks between June 28 through July 5th, between the hours of noon and ten p.m. The City issues licenses to eligible non profit organizations (as defined) for sale of safe and sane fireworks pursuant to a specified application procedure.

This ballot measure would prohibit all fireworks within the City of Seaside, including safe and sane. Thus, sale of fireworks of any kind, by non-profit organizations or anyone, would be illegal in Seaside. It would also enact a city-wide ban on the use and discharge of fireworks in the City, on any day, in any location. The sole exception would be for public fireworks displays, agricultural and educational fireworks activity, all subject to permits under the discretion of the fire chief.

Under the existing Seaside Municipal code, violations of the fireworks sale and discharge regulations is subject to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) administrative fine. This ballot measure allows the City Council the flexibility to set appropriate administrative fines for any fireworks-related offense, and retains the current law's ability to cite violators with criminal misdemeanor violations.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of **Measure CC**. If you desire a copy of Ordinance 2027, please call the elections official's office at (831) 899-6704 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you or you may also access the City's Election web page at www.ci.seaside.ca.us/184/Election-Information

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