



Amendment to RMC: Social Host Liability, sUAS Technology, and Subsequent Fine Increase

Fire Department

City Council Meeting
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BACKGROUND

- **Timeline:**
 - November 20, 2024: Presentation to Safety, Wellness, and Youth / Fireworks Update
 - December 17, 2024: Council Meeting / Presentation of Changes to RMC 1.18
- **Amend RMC-1.18.010**
 - At the direction of City Council, work with the CAO to Amend the Riverside Municipal code to allow for a Social Host Liability
- **Amend RMC-1.18.020**
 - Amend RMC 1.18.020 to allow for the use of sUAS Technology (Drones), for fireworks enforcement.

Removal of RMC 1.18.040 From Code Amendments- The original intent was to amend this section of the RMC to allow for a subsequent fine increase, however the city charter restricts our ability to set fines for fireworks above \$1,500. This will be addressed during the next city charter review.



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DISCUSSION

- **Social Host liability:**

- The use of a Social Host liability would hold the property owner, tenant or lessee of the residence, or person or persons in charge of the property at the time of the discharge of illegal fireworks liable for storage or discharge of illegal fireworks.

- **Use of sUAS Technology for Fireworks Enforcement:**

- The use of sUAS Technology during fireworks enforcement would allow for the collection of evidence by RPD, RFD, and Code Enforcement that would support the issuance of citations for 1st and subsequent offenders.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

This item contributes to Strategic Priority Number 2: Community Well-Being and Goal 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Amend RMC 1.18.010 to include a Social Host Liability
2. Amend RMC 1.18.020 to allow the use of sUAS Technology for fireworks enforcement.

