

Resolution No. 26-036

**A Resolution of the West Jordan City Council Expressing the City Council's
Recommendation to the Mayor Regarding the Designation of Fireworks
Discharge Areas for the 2026 Pioneer Fireworks Period**

Whereas, protecting the lives, homes, businesses, critical infrastructure, and natural resources of the City of West Jordan is among the City's highest responsibilities; and

Whereas, Governor Spencer J. Cox has declared a state of emergency due to extraordinary wildfire conditions and has authorized the State Forester to prohibit the discharge of personal fireworks statewide while allowing municipalities, through their mayor and fire chief, to identify municipally designated areas where fireworks may be discharged safely; and

Whereas, state officials have announced that wildfire conditions will again be evaluated prior to the 2026 Pioneer Day fireworks period to determine whether similar restrictions are necessary for July 24 celebrations; and

Whereas, Utah law provides that any municipally designated fireworks discharge areas must be jointly identified by the municipality's mayor and fire chief and submitted to the State Forester in accordance with applicable law and deadlines; and

Whereas, during the 2026 Independence Day fireworks period, the City of West Jordan did not designate any municipally designated fireworks discharge areas due to extraordinary wildfire conditions; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to receive public input regarding the City's approach to the 2026 Pioneer Day fireworks period before making a formal recommendation to the Mayor; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes that the ultimate designation of fireworks discharge areas is an executive function assigned by state law to the Mayor, acting in consultation with the Fire Chief.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah:

Section 1. Recommendation to the Mayor.

Following receipt of public comment and discussion with the Administration, the Fire Chief, and other appropriate officials, the City Council recommends that the Mayor exercise the authority granted under state law by selecting the following course of action for the 2026 Pioneer Day fireworks period:

Option A. No Designated Fireworks Areas.

The City Council recommends that no municipally designated fireworks discharge areas be established within the City of West Jordan, resulting in a prohibition on the discharge of personal fireworks

39 throughout the City, consistent with the City's approach during the 2026 Independence Day fireworks
40 period.

41 Or

42 Option B. Standard Fireworks Restriction Map.

43 The City Council recommends that the Mayor designate those areas traditionally permitted under
44 the City's adopted fireworks restriction map, allowing the discharge of personal fireworks except within
45 those areas previously identified as restricted due to hazardous conditions or other established public
46 safety concerns.

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48 Option C. Alternative Recommendation.

49 The City Council recommends the following alternative action, as determined during the public
50 meeting following discussion and public comment:

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55 **Section 2. Transmittal.**

56 Upon adoption of this Resolution, the City Recorder is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution
57 to the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Fire Chief, and any other officials as appropriate.

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59 **Adopted** by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah this 20th day of July 2026.

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61 City of West Jordan

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63 By: _____
64 Jessica Wignall
65 Council Chair

66 Attest:

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68 Cindy M. Quick, MMC
69 Council Office Clerk

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71 **Voting by the City Council**

	"Yes"	"No"
72 Chair Jessica Wignall	☐	☐
73 Vice Chair Kent Shelton	☐	☐
74 Council Member Bob Bedore	☐	☐
75 Council Member Annette Harris	☐	☐
76 Council Member Zach Jacob	☐	☐
77 Council Member Chad Lamb	☐	☐
78 Council Member Kayleen Whitelock	☐	☐