

Lisa C. Kunz

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 10:57 AM
To: 'bfilib76@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Fireworks ban

Good Morning Bianca - my apologies for the late response. Your email went to my spam folder for some reason.

Thank you for your written public comments. Your input will be shared with the Commission and relevant staff for consideration during the public hearing on Resolution 10596, scheduled for August 5, 2025.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz
City Clerk/Records Manager
Civic Center Room 204
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From: bfilib76@yahoo.com <bfilib76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 7:56 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fireworks ban

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Hello city commissioners,

Thank you for working so hard and for hearing out the citizens of Great Falls.

Leading up to tomorrow's meeting, I wanted to again make my thoughts known regarding the fireworks ban.

I agree with the idea of banning larger, artillery like fireworks and allowing voters to be a part of that decision. I think this helps to quell the issues/anxiety faced regarding these types of fireworks while still allowing citizens access to other fireworks so they can celebrate the 4th of July safely.

I am still, however, struggling to understand and get an answer as to why we celebrate a one day holiday for three days within the city. I have asked this question several times and have not received an answer from the mayor or commissioners. I will try to reach out individually to a commissioner to see if I can get an answer that way.

I feel that three days is unnecessary and while there is potential to downsize the noise and danger by banning the larger fireworks, it will still be noisy and unsafe for not just the one day, but a few days. Why can we not allow the fireworks for just the one day (on the holiday)? This isn't taking away anyone's freedom. It's being responsible and safe, it's being thoughtful of others.

While I recognize enforcement may be challenging at first, it's like anything, people will do what they want if no one enforces or holds them to expectations. If they know there will be enforcement and accountability they will more likely comply over time. At least that should be the case for the average person.

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to address this issue.

Bianca Hibbert
Sent from my iPhone

Lisa C. Kunz

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Cory Reeves; Joe McKenney; Rick Tryon; Shannon Wilson; Susan Wolff
Cc: Greg Doyon; David Dennis
Subject: FW: Fireworks

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Lisa

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 3:14 PM
To: 'Brandan Seder' <brandan.seder@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Fireworks

Good afternoon, Brandan —

Thank you for your written public comments. Your input will be shared with the Commission and relevant staff for consideration during the public hearing on Resolution 10596, scheduled for August 5, 2025.

Best regards,

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From: Brandan Seder <brandan.seder@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 2:56 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fireworks

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These measures only add to the enforcement issue. People will still go to outside locations and bring them in, thus only making a new ordinance with no resolve. I personally feel this is a huge attack on Americans and their freedoms to just be left alone. Montana is definitely the last great place and all you politicians making more laws are just ruining it. I have seen how this impacts the communities, I have lived it! All it does it make more hate and disdain for our law enforcement. The only suitable solution for this fireworks problem is to open overtime shifts for fireworks enforcement. Otherwise the problem will continue and you will then turn otherwise law abiding citizens into unnecessary criminals. Please figure out a way to enforce what is already in place. I feel a deep sense of pride and freedom during the Independence Day holiday! It is my favorite holiday! I look forward to it every year! I fought for this country! I too have suffer from the first explosion noise. And when I came home, I saw it start destroying itself from within and you commissioners are not helping, just hurting! Leave the fireworks alone! At most restrict it to just the 4th and leave it be!

Do not restrict our freedoms further! This is not communist California or Colorado, don't let it become this way at your hands!

Respectfully,

Brandan Seder
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:08 AM
To: 'Shyla Patera'
Subject: RE: August 5 , 2025 City Commission agenda Items

Good Morning, Shyla - thank you for your written public comments. Your input will be shared with the Commission and relevant staff for consideration of items 14-17 on this evening's agenda.

Best regards,

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From: Shyla Patera <shycpat@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Krista Artis <kartis@greatfallsmt.net>; commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>; Darcy Dea <ddea@greatfallsmt.net>; Margaret Keener <mkeener@ncils.org>; Shyla Patera <spatera@ncils.org>
Subject: August 5 , 2025 City Commission agenda Items

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My name is Shyla Patera. I am a city resident with a disabilities. I also serve, and am employed by North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. (NCILS)in Black Eagle ,Montana as a Policy and Peer coordinator. My position My position educates northcentral Montanans with disabilities on local , state,and federal issues which impact the lives of Montanans with disabilities. The mission of a center for independent living, like ncils, is to help people with disabilities navigate services in order to live in our Montana community with or without supports.

I wish to comment on Items # 14- 17 on commission agenda for August 5, 2025. as a long time, homeless at advocate for North Central, independent living services, I would like to thank the city of Great Falls for considering on tonight's consent agenda, approving a CDBG contract with Montana Legal Services Association which will help and assist in eviction prevention. this agreement will assist low income citizens who may need to prevention assistance and possible legal representation in obtaining services. Having assisted consumers as they represented themselves pro se in court, NCILS and I truly hope the city of Great Falls will encourage Montana Legal services to increase opportunities for local attorney and counsel representation as citizens are facing court ordered evictions. Although this item does not include collecting data, I truly hope that the City will also consider fair housing initiatives and opportunities to collect data on the number of evictions

and diversion prevention that we as members of the Great Falls Continuum of Care and advocates have assisted or prevented in the Great Falls community and Cascade County region.

NCILS would also like to support and congratulate the SPARK! Children 's Museum of Montana on their Spark Inclusive initiative in their new location. The Spark Inclusive initiative highlighting accessibility and inclusion in our community is beneficial for children and adults as we enhance STEM educational opportunities.

NCILS would like to remind and offer the City of Great Falls, community businesses ,and citizens that our agency can offer ADA services and consultations if requested on accessibility and other issues .To take advantage of NCILS services , please call North Central Independent Living Services , Inc. 406-452-9834 .

On property taxes, NCILS recognizes that property taxes are important yet difficult for many in Great Falls. NCILS hopes that the proposed increase will be both equitable and fair for those property owners are low income, or middle income, while giving the City of Great Falls an opportunity to provide community services which enhance the live ability of Great Falls as well as the accessibility and affordability in our community.

On City 2025 budget items, NCILS advocates for accessible ,affordable services. The City of Great Falls needs to follow its adopted transportation, community access, and ADA transition plans.

NCILS hopes that accessibility is a prime consideration and concern for all in housing, Public Safety community development, and much more. NCILS hopes that the City of Great Falls will take advantage of statewide opportunities to advance accessible, affordable, housing stock in Great Falls, particularly by participate in in the statewide Housing Trust Fund

and making sure that City community development highlight s universal design opportunities in single-family, multi family and mixed use developments. Mixed use and historical development can bring opportunities and challenges, but NCILS staff hopes to be called upon as a stakeholder to enhance affordability and accessibility in Great Falls.

NCILS advocates for accessible sidewalks ,transportation and other a Competitive Integrated employment opportunities for all, transit as well as

community safety opportunities so that people with disabilities can truly participate in our Great Falls community. NCILS

knows that funding for projects is

often incremental and rely on funding from many sources NCILS truly hope that Great Falls continues to grow accessibility and opportunities in all community departments. Promoting accessible recreation, our community library, and public safety ,disability parking enforcement and other issues enhances community living in Great Falls.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these agenda items for the August 5, 2025 City Commission meeting.

Shyla Patera City Resident