

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE

SUMMARY OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-003 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.42, OF THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE EXISTING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE POSSESSION, SALE, AND USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO

The following is a summary of major highlights of the ordinance; a reading of the entire ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding of all changes. A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted and may also be read in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1000 Gateway Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806 (510-215-3005). The ordinance was introduced at the City Council meeting of October 6, 2025, and is scheduled for adoption at the October 20, 2025 City Council meeting. The ordinance is also included with the staff report on the City's website: <https://sanpablo.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14832477&GUID=2168797C-08CC-4E9A-96C3-1E25DB10942B>

The State Fireworks Law contained within Section 12500 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes local jurisdictions to enact and enforce fireworks regulations to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of their citizens. The ordinance amends Chapter 8.42 of the San Pablo Municipal Code to reinforce existing prohibitions on the possession, sale, or use of fireworks, with a specific exception for authorized public displays. The ordinance also extends this prohibition to allow for property owners and other individuals to be held strictly liable for the possession, sale, or use of fireworks on property or at events under their control, regardless of their knowledge of the violation.

Persons violating Chapter 8.42 are subject to administrative citations of \$1,000 per device, increasing to \$2,500 per device on subsequent offenses. The ordinance also provides for the seizure of fireworks and the recovery of public safety personnel response costs.

This summary was prepared by the City Attorney.
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