



RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 40

CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING NOTIFICATION OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT
OF CITY OF RATON FIREWORKS REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Raton has adopted City Ordinance No. 884 on August 11, 1998, regarding the sale and usage of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 884 identifies restrictions as to the sale and discharge of fireworks and permissible fireworks within the City of Raton and prohibited fireworks within the City of Raton; and

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 884 provides for the seizure of prohibited fireworks in the City of Raton and penalties for violation of this chapter and of the Code of Ordinances. The provision states that any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both; and

WHEREAS, the use of non-prohibited fireworks should be limited to areas that are paved or barren, and a sustainable source of water should be readily available for use by a property owner or members of the public in the event of an accidental fire, and the use of fireworks within the municipality should be confirmed with Raton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, intensifying drought conditions in Northeastern New Mexico have resulted in critical fire danger; and

WHEREAS, irresponsible use of fireworks can cause life-threatening residential, motor vehicle, and wildland fires and property owners and members of the public are urged to use caution in the use of fireworks or avoid the use of private fireworks usage and instead support the professionally managed public fireworks display.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Raton:

1. The Raton City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to provide for strict enforcement of City of Raton fireworks regulations and the provisions of City Ordinance No. 884.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk