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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilman John G. Clamp

COPIES TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Chris Callanet, Assistant to the City Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support the Bexar County Commissioner's Court Request for Authority to Ban the Sale of Fireworks During Certain Environmental Conditions

DATE: January 22, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully request your support on a **Resolution from City Council to the Bexar County Commissioner's Court** that will be requesting the State of Texas give authority to ban the sale of all fireworks to counties during certain environmental conditions.

Brief Background

During the 2008 New Year Season, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County experienced approximately 778 calls for service between midnight Monday through 4:00 P.M. Tuesday. The predominating causes of these calls for service were due to the illegal use of fireworks in combination with optimal environmental conditions for starting fires. This situation placed a heavy burden on the City's resources and manpower, all of which could have been prevented by a ban on the sale of fireworks when conditions are favorable for starting fires.

The authority to ban the sale of all fireworks when adverse environmental conditions such as a Burn Ban and Red Flag Warnings are in effect would be a tremendous tool in protecting public safety and property. Considering the growing population that exists along the San Antonio Bexar County border and the number of neighborhoods in Bexar County proper it is incumbent that we take steps to protect our community.

I believe this is a shared concern between the City and County. The intent of this resolution is to lend support to the Bexar County Commissioners Court in addressing this issue with the State Legislature.

Submitted for Council consideration  
by:

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Sponsoring Councilmember

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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