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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **30 July 2026** requesting the following information:

I and many others in the Kapiti community are very disappointed regarding the lack of action from Government regarding a firework ban.

However, looking at the public places bylaw section 6 would go some way to cover the fireworks problem as it stands when members of the public set off fireworks in the carpark Margaret Road, the end of Aotea St, the beaches and many other places such as the Waterfront carpark which contravenes aspects of the bylaw also with no consideration for health and safety.

Appreciate some traction on this so 400 year old terrorist Guy Fawkes is no longer celebrated and we move to Matariki as our unique celebration.

Thank you for raising this matter via Councillor Koh. I appreciate the disappointment you have noted regarding the Government's recent decisions on fireworks ban, and in turn confirm that under Section 6 and 19 of our [Public Places Bylaw 2017](#), (relating respectively to general public places; and parks or reserves covered by the Reserves Act 1977) Enforcement officers remain able to:

- Request persons cease any nuisance or damaging activities, if we consider they pose a danger or interfere with public use of the space.
- Further look to trespass or seek support of the Police if they refuse to stop or leave.

For completeness, it is helpful to refer to wider settings in relation to fireworks:

- Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act local authorities have some responsibility for enforcing existing rules and regulations relating to how fireworks are being stored on private property.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

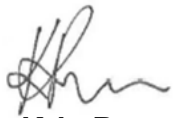
- However, local authorities are not the responsible agency when it comes to establishing new rules or regulating the sale of fireworks to the public, for use on private property. The Environmental Protection Authority, [sets the controls for the safe storage, sale and use of fireworks](#), and that [Police and Worksafe](#), have a dual role in ensuring those controls are met. [Fire and Emergency NZ](#) (FENZ) manage the risk through the setting of the fire season at the appropriate time of year.

Further information from council on fireworks in relation to community safety is also available on Council's website at <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/community/community-safety/fireworks/>.

For your additional information, a review of our Public Places Bylaw is due in 2028/29 under our [Policy Work Programme 2025-2028](#) (see item 9.2).

We appreciate the level of concern from the community on this issue and appreciate you getting in touch to let Council know your views.

Ngā mihi,



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