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I am writing to ask the members if we can consider banning fireworks in the city this year. I understand they are "officially" banned in the city limits, but it is NEVER enforced. How about we put some weight behind the enforcement – hefty fines for example? Enforcement has been a joke for years - every year more and more people complain but here we are again! Missoula and the entire West is so dry this year with record-high temps and drying grasses and trees, yet we allow this madness to continue - scaring domestic animals, wild animals and children? Why do a few small business owners get to dictate this continued misery that is couched in patriotism? I wonder how many vet visits our city population endures every 4th of July when pets are medicated for a week while we suffer at the hands of people who know our city goes soft on these laws. I would wager that if you put this question to most Missoulians, you will find that the majority of us are sick of it. In addition, Greg Gianforte reversed a fifty-year old law that now allows bottle-rockets and Roman candles to be sold in Montana. The law was opposed by 400 Montana fire departments due to wildlife concerns. Billings and Yellowstone County have banned them due to fire concerns. Please do not kick this can down the road AGAIN.

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