ORDER OF THE FIRE MARSHAL OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 PROHIBITING THE USE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS PURSUANT TO BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.30.030.

Whereas, Battle Ground Municipal Code Section 8.30.030 authorizes the use and discharge of fireworks in the City of Battle Ground for certain periods as designated; and

Whereas, pursuant to BGMC 8.30.030 the use and discharge of fireworks are authorized between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on July 3rd and between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to Midnight on July 4th during any year unless a suspension or ban on said use and discharge is issued by the Fire Marshal; and

Whereas, pursuant to BGMC 8.30.030 the Fire Marshal of Clark County Fire District No. 3 may issue a suspension or ban on the use and discharge of fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger in consideration of current moisture levels, wind speeds, lack of rain, and other fire related factors; and

Whereas, Southwest Washington is experiencing extraordinarily high temperatures, severe heat warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service, unseasonably low fuel moisture levels have been reported, and the hot and dry weather is expected to continue through the 4th of July holiday; and

Whereas, on June 28, 2020 the Fire Marshal of Clark County Fire District No. 3 issued an outdoor burn ban for recreational fires to continue indefinitely until revoked; and

Whereas, during times of extreme fire danger a ban on the use and discharge of fireworks in addition to a ban on outdoor burning may be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public to mitigate damage and risk to life and property and reduce the risk of fires due to fireworks; and

Whereas, given the unique alignment of weather and fire risk at this time the Fire Marshal has determined that extreme fire danger exists in the City of Battle Ground and the use and discharge of fireworks should be banned; and

Now wherefore I, Chris Drone, Fire Marshal of Clark County Fire District No. 3, do hereby declare:

1. Pursuant to Battle Ground Municipal Code Section 8.30.030 hereby order that the use and discharge of all fireworks is hereby prohibited within the City of Battle Ground

2. The terms of this Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through 12:00 midnight July 4, 2021. Effective after 12:00 midnight July 4, 2021, the prohibitions on the use and discharge of fireworks set forth in Battle Ground Municipal Code Section 8.30.030 shall govern.

3. The terms of this Order do not prohibit the sale or purchase of fireworks as otherwise permitted by Battle Ground Municipal Code Chapter 8.30.

4. The Fire Marshal will enforce the terms of this Order and such enforcement will include, but is not limited to, directing firework sale vendors to communicate the terms of this discharge ban to all customers.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of June, 2O21.

Chris Drone, Fire Marshal
Clark County Fire District No. 3