

RESOLUTION NO. 305

WHEREAS, numerous injuries to citizens of the Washington Metropolitan Area result each year from the legal and illegal use of fireworks by the public; and

WHEREAS, the sale, possession and use of fireworks by citizens of the Washington Metropolitan Area is a regional problem, made so by the availability of fireworks in jurisdictions where the sale, possession, or use is not unlawful; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Regional Council of Fire Chiefs, at its meeting on August 9th, restated its desire that the sale, possession and unauthorized use of fireworks be made unlawful throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Council's Public Safety Policy Committee at its meeting on September 6th concurred in this desire; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, where the sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks already is illegal, is faced with the problem of persons purchasing fireworks in jurisdictions where it is legal to do so and then bringing them into the City of Alexandria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, respectfully urges the other local governments of Northern Virginia and the government of the District of Columbia to pursue courses of action which will result in the prohibition of the sale, possession or discharge of fireworks except in authorized displays.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the local governments of Suburban Maryland jurisdictions in which sale, possession or use of fireworks are presently illegal activities, pursue stricter enforcement of laws prohibiting those activities; and seek to more fully inform the public of the precise nature of laws prohibiting these activities.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and each of its member jurisdictions.

Adopted April 9, 1974

Mrs. Helen Vickers, Clerk of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia