

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF VALPARAISO SEEKING REGULATORY AUTHORITY
OVER THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly enacted House Enrolled Act 1099 amending I.C. 22-11-14-6 which creates a funding source for the continuing training of firefighters and also legalizes the discharge of fireworks during specifically designated time frames and at specific locations; and

WHEREAS, although the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso recognizes the need and importance of continued training for firefighters, the extent to which the General Assembly has legalized the discharge of fireworks is not conducive to peaceful use of private property and has created an untenable public safety problem; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana's commitment to granting local government "home rule" authority, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso seeks General Assembly action amending I.C. 22-11-14-6 so as to authorize and empower municipalities to adopt additional restrictions on the discharge of fireworks and to further regulate the discharge of fireworks under local nuisance ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso that the Indiana General Assembly should implement an amendment to I.C. 22-11-14-6 so as to authorize and empower municipalities to adopt additional restrictions on the discharge of fireworks and to further regulate the discharge of fireworks under local nuisance ordinances.

ALL OF WHICH HAVING BEEN RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso this 26th day of July, 2006.

ATTEST:

Clerk - Treasurer