

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: May 15, 2018

TITLE: Fireworks Permits

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve five (5) Fireworks Stand Permits at various location within the City, for the temporary sale of Fireworks for the period beginning June 28, 2018 and ending July 4, 2018 at 10:00 P.M.

DISCUSSION

Below is a summary outline of the process for issuance of Fireworks Permits per Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Chapter 8.28:

- No person shall offer for sale or sell at retail any safe and sane fireworks in the City without having first applied for and received the following permits: Fireworks Program Permit and Fireworks Safety Permit.
- Fireworks Permit applications may be submitted to the City during the period of March 30, 2018 to April 26, 2018.
- A "Fireworks Committee" consisting of one representative from the Fire Department, one representative from the City's Finance Department and one representative from the City Manager's office shall review all applications and make a recommendation to the City Council
- City Council may issue up to four permits per calendar year.

The City advertised and provided fireworks permit applications and submittal procedures via the City Website and over the counter. During the period of April 23, 2018 through April 30, 2018 the City received a total of five (5) Fireworks Permit applications from five (5) different non-profit organizations to sell safe and sane fireworks at five (5) distinct locations within the City of Desert Hot Springs.

Each application was reviewed by the Fire, Police, Planning, Finance Departments (Fireworks Committee). Based on the committee review, all five (5) applications were determined to meet all submittal requirements, all safety requirements, and all applicable permit requirements. Since all five (5) applications have met all requirements per the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, the committee is recommending that City Council approve all five (5) Fireworks Permit applications as submitted for the sale of safe and sane fireworks.

Below is the list of the applications, the corresponding non-profit organization, and the location. The applications are also shown in Exhibits 1-6

	Application Number	Non-profit Organization	Fireworks Stand Location	Approved by Committee
1	2018-078 FP 01-18	Desert Hot Springs Eagles Football	13200 Palm Drive (Stater Bros)	Yes

2	2018-079 FP 02-18	Desert Hot Springs Little League	14200 Palm Drive (Vons)	Yes
3	2018-080 FP 03-18	Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639	64680 Pierson Blvd (Rite Aid shopping center)	Yes
4	2018-081 FP 04-18	Desert Hot Springs Knights of Columbus	14011 Palm Drive (Kmart)	Yes
5	2018-082 FP 05-18	Souls Praising Heaven Org.	17001 Palm Drive (Valero)	Yes

FISCAL IMPACT

Permit Fees have been paid by each applicant. Any applicant that is rejected by the City shall be entitled to a full refund of the fireworks program permit and the fireworks safety permit fees.

EXHIBITS

- 1) Application 2018-078 / FP 01-18 – Desert Hot Springs Eagles Football
- 2) Application 2018-079 / FP 02-18 – Desert Hot Springs Little League
- 3) Application 2018-080 / FP 03-18 – Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639
- 4) Application 2018-081 / FP 04-18 – Desert Hot Springs Knights of Columbus
- 5) Application 2018-082 / FP 05-18 – Souls Praising Heaven Org.