

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



**DATE:** June 2, 2020

**TITLE:** Fireworks Permits

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Fireworks Committee is recommending that the City Council:

- 1) Make an exception to the Ordinance and approve all five (5) applications; or
- 2) Approve four (4) applications which are in compliance.

### 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, 2020 to April 6, 2020.
- 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.

All applications were reviewed by the 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 and one representative from the City's Planning Department. Based on the committee review all five (5) applications were determined to meet all submittal requirements, all safety requirements, and all applicable permit requirements.

The applicant, TNT Fireworks, has indicated to staff that they would like to request that the City Council make an exception and approve all five (5) applications.

The applications have met all requirements per the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, as conditioned, and 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 1-5.

Application Number	Non-Profit Organization	Fireworks Stand Location	Approved by Committee
FW 20-1	DHS Eagles Football	13200 Palm Drive	Yes
FW 20-2	Lily of the Valley Worship Ctr.	65945 Pierson Blvd	Yes

FW 20-3	Souls Praising Heaven	17001 Palm Drive	Yes
FW 20-4	DHS Little League	14200 Palm Drive	Yes
FW 20-5	DHS Football Booster Club	12425 Palm Drive	Yes

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Fireworks Committee is recommending that the City Council:

- 1) Make an exception to the Ordinance and approve all five (5) applications, subject to conditions of approval; or
- 2) Approve the four (4) applications which are in compliance.

### **EXHIBITS**

- 1) Draft Conditions of Approval
- 2) FW 20-1 Site Plan
- 3) FW 20-2 Site Plan
- 4) FW 20-3 Site Plan
- 5) FW 20-4 Site Plan
- 6) FW 20-5 Site Plan
- 7) TNT COVID19 Plan
- 8) TNT Physical Distancing Protocol