



# CITY OF CARSON

## Legislation Text

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### Report to Mayor and City Council

Wednesday, June 08, 2016

Consent

#### **SUBJECT:**

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS STANDS FOR 2016 FIREWORKS SEASON (CITY COUNCIL)**

#### **I. SUMMARY**

The City Council is asked to approve the attached list of non-profit organizations and service clubs to operate fireworks stands in 2016 (Exhibit No. 1).

#### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE twenty (20) Fireworks Permits to non-profit organizations and service groups, contingent upon their compliance with governing rules and regulations, approvals of inspecting agencies, and mandatory attendance at the Fireworks Stand Operators' Safety and Orientation Seminar.

#### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

#### **IV. BACKGROUND**

Carson Municipal Code (CMC) Article III, Chapter 1 (Exhibit No. 3) regulates the use and sale of fireworks in the City of Carson. CMC Sections 3101 - 3105 establishes the procedure for obtaining fireworks permits. Each year a list of all qualified applicants is presented to the City Council for formal approval.

Per CMC Chapter 1, the process for applying for a Fireworks Permit is as follows:

- Letters mailed to fireworks groups in mid-January inviting them to reapply.
- Fireworks Permit Applications accepted between March 1st and April 1st.
- Applications must include:
  - Applicant name/address, principal officers and meeting location;

- Current evidence of 501(c)(3) non-profit status;
  - Purpose of organization and when it was organized;
  - Intended use of fireworks sales proceeds;
  - Proposed fireworks stand location and site plan of its location in relation to existing structures and public right-of-way;
  - Copy of executed lease, rental or license agreement evidencing agreement of rental fee;
  - Payment of \$301.00 (includes \$225.00 license fee, \$25.00 permit fee, \$1.00 state-mandated (CASP) fee, plus \$50.00 clean-up deposit). The \$50.00 deposit is refundable upon the expiration of the permit, clean-up, and removal of the stand.
  - Payment of \$150.00 storage permit fee, if requested.
- The list of all qualified applicants is then presented to the City Council for formal acceptance by early June. Upon approval, Permits are issued.
- Fireworks Stands are allowed to be erected starting at noon on June 21, 2016 and a City Inspector will inspect all stands. Temporary stands shall be removed by noon on July 12, 2016.
- Fireworks Stands are permitted to sell “Safe and Sane” fireworks from June 28, 2016 to July 4, 2016 and all unsold stock must be removed by noon, July 7, 2016. Map of Firework Stand Locations (Exhibit No. 2).
- Each Fireworks manufacturer or wholesaler pays a total of \$327.00 in fees (includes \$161.00 for permits fee, \$15.00 renewal fee, \$1.00 state-mandated fee, and \$150.00 storage fee).

The Fireworks Subcommittee comprised of Mayor Robles and Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes will meet soon to conduct its review of the Fireworks Ordinance and related fees.

## **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

All twenty (20) applicants have paid the required \$301.00 in taxes, deposits and fees; totaling \$6,020.00. Two fireworks wholesalers each pay \$327.00 in fireworks permit fees, totaling \$654.00. Once clean-up deposits are refunded, the City will net approximately \$5,674.00 in revenue.

## **VI. EXHIBITS**

1. 2016 Fireworks Permit Applicants and Locations. (pg. 3)
2. Map of 2016 Fireworks Stand Locations. (pg. 4)
3. CMC Sections 3101-3105 - Fireworks Regulations. (pgs. 5 - 23)

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