



December 4, 2024

City of Independence
331 1st Street East
Independence, Iowa 50644

On behalf of the Independence Day Celebration Committee, I submit this request to place in the annual budget process funding for the July 4, 2025 (FY '26) Independence Day Celebration fireworks display.

For the past several years, the City of Independence has been so generous to provide funding in the amount of \$10,840; the detail is \$10,000.00 for the fireworks display materials and \$840.00 for the fireworks insurance.

For FY 2026 we would like to have the city consider raising our budgeted amount for fireworks to 13840.00 as the cost of fireworks due to supply and demand and the pandemic and inflation has gone up. The cost of insurance has also increased for several years. We have not requested an increase in at least 10 years so we feel going forward we will have higher expenses so we're requesting an increase.

An additional consideration for the '26 is that it will be the 250th birthday of our country and we would like to make this a bigger event that year.

Through not only local, but national attention, we feel that this event continues to positively showcase our community and we appreciate the cities support of this event.

We appreciate your support and consideration.

Cordially,
Juan Rodriguez
Independence Day Celebration Committee

*Independence Celebration Committee, Inc – 4th of July
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