



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JUNE 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of request for Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 27th, 2024 on Walled Lake.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Eddie Hesano, a Novi resident and operator of Eddie's Barrel of Wine in Walled (127 e Walled Lake Dr.), is seeking approval for a fireworks display on Walled Lake after dusk on Saturday, July 27th, 2024. The applicant proposes the show be launched from a barge in the center of Walled Lake.

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act requires the applicant to receive authorization from the municipality where the display will take place, since loading of the barge and show will all take place in Novi, the applicant is coming before the City Council for approval. Additionally, the State of Michigan requires the applicant to furnish adequate insurance coverage with the Fireworks Permit Application. The Certificate of Liability Insurance is acceptable and provides an endorsement listing the City of Novi as an Additional Insured. Great Lakes Fireworks LLC, a licensed pyrotechnic operator, is listed as the entity in charge of the display.

The Novi Fire Department/Fire Marshal has conducted a site inspection, and an additional inspection will occur once the show is complete. Additional Police and Fire Department personnel will be assigned for the duration of the event to ensure that all safety measures and processes are adhered to according to the fireworks permit.

The matter of public firework displays has been brought before the City Council previously. Back in August of 2023 when a request from the same applicant was requested for a show during the Labor Day holiday. That specific request was ultimately denied by City Council. Prior to that request, City Council did provide approval for a display on July 22, 2023. Since the requests from 2023 the Ordinance Review Committee has met on May 6th and discussed moving forward with proposed ordinance language for a Display Fireworks Permit process. Due to time constraints, it is not possible for an ordinance amendment to be in place to go through the required two (2) readings at City Council and take effect in time for Council to consider this request with a Display Fireworks Permit process in place.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of request for Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 27th, 2024 on Walled Lake.