



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JUNE 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of the request for a Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 25th, 2026, on Walled Lake.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Eddie Hesano is asking for permission to a fireworks display on Walled Lake after dusk on Saturday, July 25th, 2026.
- The fireworks show would be launched from a barge in the center of Walled Lake.
- Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC has overseen several fireworks displays in Novi over the past several years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 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.

The Novi Fire Department 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.

Recent changes to the Fireworks Ordinance became effective on June 3, 2025 (considered and approved at the May 5, 2025, council meeting). The new ordinance includes standards for Council review of applications as follows:

- c. The city council may, but is not obligated to, issue a permit in consideration of whether:
 1. The permit application is complete and conforms to the requirements of this chapter.
 2. The proposed discharge of fireworks will have an adverse effect upon the public.

3. The time, duration and location of the fireworks will unreasonably disturb the peace of neighboring property owners.
4. Any other reason that affects the public health, safety, and welfare.

Additionally, the revised ordinance allows for no more than **two permits a year**, with the first permit fee set at \$750 and the second at \$1,000. City Council approved a similar request from the applicant at their June 23, 2025 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the request for Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 25th, 2026 on Walled Lake, because the application appears to be complete and because the proposed display is similar to others in previous years and there have not been significant complaints as to the nature and extent of the display and the event is close in time to other displays for the 4th of July holiday such that it is less likely to cause a disturbance of the peace.

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Deny the request for Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 25th, 2026, on Walled Lake, because the proposed discharge is not for a recognized public purpose or holiday and would unnecessarily disturb the peace of the surrounding area with sustained loud noises and have an adverse effect on the public as a result.