



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Agenda Item: 4th of July Fireworks License

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

The 4th of July Committee is having fireworks on July 4th at Cravath Lake. In compliance with City of Whitewater ordinance 5.08.040

A) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the use of fireworks for pyrotechnic displays given by public authorities, fair associations, amusement parks, park board, civic organizations, or groups of individuals under permit granted by the common council.

(b) Application for Permits for Pyrotechnic Displays. Application by organizations sponsoring pyrotechnic displays shall be submitted at least fifteen days in advance of the date set for the display and shall contain the following:

- (1) The address and exact location of the pyrotechnic display;
- (2) The date and time of the display;
- (3) The name of organization sponsoring the display and the person responsible for arrangements;
- (4) The name of the organization and the person in charge of firing the pyrotechnics and the person responsible for recovery of unfired pyrotechnics;
- (5) The number and kinds of pyrotechnics which will be fired;
- (6) The location where the pyrotechnic material will be stored prior to the display;
- (7) A diagram of the area where the display will take place showing the firing area, distances to the audience, to buildings, to roadways and public pathways, and special conditions;
- (8) Said application will be referred to the fire chief for inspection and approval before submission to the common council;
- (9) The applicant shall furnish a certificate of insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in the state in an amount of not less than \$50,000.00 for personal injury and \$10,000.00 for property damage and shall name the city as an insured;
- (10) The fee for such permit shall be \$25.00. Such fee may be waived by the city manager for cause shown

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Email was sent to AC Ryan Dion on May 27th with the application and all necessary documents and AC Dion approved of the site plan and permit. The only concern was where the fireworks would be stored. The Pyrotechnic company will bring them each morning and they will be loaded on the barge. No fireworks will be stored in the City overnight.

The dates are wrong on the Contract- shows 7/6/26 as display date and 7/5/26 as rain date. Please see attached email chain from Karin and Pyrotecnico showing display date as 7/4/26 and 7/5/26 as the rain date.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)

Firework City Application

Pyrotecnico Approval

Pyrotecnico Fireworks INC, Contract with Diagram and Insurance info

Email chain from Karin and Pyrotecnico

Email from AC Dion showing FD approval.
