



**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Item #{{section.number}}5

DATE: May 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Ernesto Marquez, City Manager

BY: Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 024-2022 APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS AND FIREWORKS STAND IN THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS FOR THE YEAR 2022 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SUMMARY

The City Clerk's Office received three (3) applications for the operation of Safe and Sane Fireworks and Fireworks Stands Permit, pursuant to the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code ("HGMC"). The applicants, with the approval of the City Council, will be granted and/or denied a permit to conduct the sale of the fireworks from properly approved fireworks stands at various locations with the City, as listed on the attachment.

At this time, the City Clerk's Office is recommending approval of the three (3) applicants, with additional conditions of approval as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to keep the volunteers, customers, and community safe, healthy, and in compliance with Executive Orders and health guidelines.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the HGMC, Chapter 6.28, relating to fireworks, the City Clerk shall conduct and/or perform specific tasks described therein. The City Clerk's office has received applications requesting fireworks permits and has conducted the required investigation. At this time, via the staff report and proposed resolution, the City Clerk recommends that the following three (3) applicants be approved and that permits be issued pursuant to the HGMC.

1. Crossroads Multi-National Nazarene Church: Food 4 Less
2. Lakewood Elks Lodge #1570: Lakewood Elks Lodge
3. The Way Out Ministries: The Way Out Ministries

The City Clerk's Office is recommending approval based on the findings that the applicants have met the requirements set forth by HGMC Section 6.28.050.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC - CHANGES

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, there have been several changes that effect the fireworks permit process and conduct at the fireworks stands.

- 1) Fireworks Permits -There are changes to the process to apply for the permits and request inspection.

- Firework Stands - Operations

The City welcomes various public health and safety measures that have been currently implemented by the firework companies. Also, the resolution includes Attachment "B" which also provides protocols and guidelines to protect the volunteers assisting at the firework stands, the customers, and the community in the surrounding areas of the firework locations.

- Fireworks Permits -Building & Safety Division

At the time this report was prepared, various State, County, and local Executive Orders were in place that may be different at the time that permits can be issued and the fireworks stands become operational. Upon approval and completion of required affidavits, the applicants are to contact the Building and Safety Division via email at buildingtech@hgcity.org. An application will be sent to the applicant via email, an invoice will be generated for payment. The applicants may submit payments with a check to be submitted via the City Hall Drop Box located at the City Hall entrances or may make payment via an online portal for PayPal. It is recommended that at the time the permit is processed, that the applicant schedule the appointment for inspection. Applicants and the Building and Safety Inspector will collaborate to be ready in a timely manner to conduct the inspection while following all required public health and safety protocols and guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is minimal. The approved applicants will pay for the following permit fees and estimated fees.

- Building and Electrical Permit – \$129.87
 - Building and Electrical Issuance – \$36.27
 - Electrical Permit – \$27.95
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| TOTAL ESTIMATE: | \$194.09 |
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These are the same estimated fees charged for the last four years.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve Recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 024-2022