

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/25/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0594

LOG NAME: 36FIRE CODE AMENDMENT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Fort Worth Fire Code, Chapter 56, Section 5608, Fireworks Displays to Revise Provisions for Applications, Permits, Fees and Add Time of Day Firework Displays Must End

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 56, Explosives and Fireworks, Section 5608, Fireworks Display of the Fort Worth Fire Code to revise requirements for firework application and permits, add a time by which firework displays must end and revise the fee schedule for operational permits related to fireworks.

DISCUSSION:

It is advisable to amend the current Fort Worth Fire Code to amend Chapter 56, Explosives and Fireworks, Section 5608, Firework Displays to more accurately reflect the Fire Department's policies and procedures regarding the permitting of fireworks. Proposed changes to Section 5608 include the following:

- Reducing the requirement for permit application from 15 days prior to the display event to 10 days;
- Renumber and reorder section 5608.2 "Fireworks application and permit";
- Add 1.4G to fireworks used in firework displays;
- Allow for fireworks displays within 600 feet of a church, occupied school, theater, hospital or similar institution when said uses provides written approval of the firework display;
- Disallow firework displays when wind conditions exceed a velocity of 20 miles per hour or a gusting velocity of 25 miles per hour;
- Add an end time of 10:00 p.m. for firework work displays except for New Year's Eve when fireworks displays may extend to New Year's Day and shall end no later than 12:30 a.m. or as approved by the Fire Code Official; and
- Provide that if the permit holder is in violation of the terms and conditions of the permit, the permit may be immediately revoked and firework display cancelled.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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