

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance amending Section 10-7-1 of the Naperville Municipal Code regarding approval of fireworks permits.

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mark Puknaitis: Fire Chief

### **BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND:**

Annually there are 5 to 6 city events requiring fireworks permit approval including 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, private events, and public celebrations. Currently, these are reviewed by the fire department and then sent to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

Before being sent to City Council, the firm providing fireworks submits an application to the Fire Department that includes a certificate of liability, the license number of the operator, a list of shells and materials to be used, the State of Illinois pyrotechnic distributor license, State of Illinois business license, their federal explosive license permit, their department of transportation hazardous materials certificate, their minimum radius for outdoor display fireworks and their storage certificate through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. All documents are then reviewed for validity and accuracy by Fire Department personnel. Site selection is reviewed and measured for appropriate distances needed for debris fallout, crowd accommodation, and ingress and egress routes. Should all documents be in order and the site adequate for the display the permit will be approved.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The current process for fireworks permits requires a thorough evaluation by the fire department codes and standards division, prior to being sent for council approval. To improve efficiency and agenda management the Fire department is recommending administrative approval for all fireworks permits.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A