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City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

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TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: FIREWORKS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE: VICE CHAIRPERSON NEAL JERRY, AND COMMISSIONERS JAMIE AVILES AND LINDA TAKEUCHI; AND SILVIA AVALOS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION

SUBJECT: FIREWORKS RETAIL PERMIT APPROVALS 2025

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BACKGROUND

Chino Municipal Code 8.12 designates the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission with the oversight of the sale and use of fireworks in Chino. For several years, the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee has assisted staff with the process of reviewing applications, addressing specific concerns related to fireworks, and making recommendations to improve the process. The Fireworks Review Sub-Committee this year is comprised of Vice Chairperson Jerry and Commissioners Aviles and Takeuchi.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Fireworks Retail Permits - Per Chino Municipal Code 8.12.030 (E), Fireworks Retail Permit holders from the previous year have priority status to receive a retail permit for the current year provided they continue to meet the requirements to sell fireworks.

Each applicant must meet the following criteria to receive a Fireworks Retail Permit:

1. Must be a non-profit organization established for at least one year.
2. Meeting location must be within the Chino city limits.
3. Membership of at least 20 members with 50% plus one of its members living or working within the Chino city limits.
4. Must have permission from the property owner to sell fireworks on the property designated on the permit.
5. Must provide liability insurance.
6. Must prove that the funds raised are used to benefit the community of Chino - (eligibility for the current year is determined through proof that the funds were used appropriately by the non-profit organization in the previous year).
7. Obtain a permit from the Fire Marshal for the sale of fireworks.

On April 4, 2025, applications were due from groups interested in selling fireworks in 2025. Twenty-six applications were received. Twenty-four of those applications were from returning organizations and issued retail permits in 2024. Applications were received from Abba Love Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe, which did not operate in previous years. The maximum number of permits that may be issued in one calendar year shall not exceed 25 permits. Abba Love Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe's applications were not processed as all returning organizations have first priority for available permits.

On April 10, 2025, the Sub-Committee met to review fireworks applications for 2025. Staff provided an overview of the applications received and reported to the Sub-Committee that all groups were in compliance with financial reporting requirements from 2024.

Applications were received from the following returning non-profit organizations:

American Legion Post 299	Don Lugo Sports Boosters
CHAPPS	Gavin R. Stevens Foundation
Chino American Little League	Living Word Assembly of God
Chino Cowboy Huddle	Magnolia Jr. High School After School
Chino High School Basketball	Magnolia Jr. High School Music Boosters
Chino High School Pep Squad	Monte Vista 4-H Council
Chino High School Band Boosters	Nitemares Soccer Club
Chino High School Sports Boosters	Parents of Chino Scouts
Chino Neighborhood House	Parents of Troop 202
Christ Lutheran Church	The Bridge
Don Lugo High School Grad Night	To the Pointe Dance Productions/Mission Sports
Don Lugo Performing Arts/Band	Victory Outreach Church

After receiving confirmation from staff regarding application compliance, the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee agreed to recommend approval of the 24 applications, as listed above, to receive a Fireworks Retail Permit in 2025. Two of the applicants have requested booth relocations. One was Chino Cowboy Huddle, which was located at 12375 Central Avenue (Superior Shopping Center), and is now requesting to move their booth to 12150 Central Avenue (Smart & Final Shopping Center near Jersey Mike's). The other is CHAPPS, which was located at 5288 E. Francis Avenue (northwest corner of Central and Francis Avenues near 7-Eleven), and would like to move their booth to 12375 Central Avenue (Superior Shopping Center).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission approve the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee's recommendation to issue Fireworks Retail Permits to the 24 returning non-profit groups and approval for Chino Cowboy Huddle and CHAPPS to move to new locations.

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