

MEMORANDUM
City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

DATE: APRIL 27, 2026

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: FIREWORKS RETAIL PERMIT APPROVALS 2026

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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 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 3, 2026, applications were due from groups interested in selling fireworks in 2026. Of the 24 organizations that were issued fireworks retail permits in 2025, only 23 applications were received from returning organizations. No application was received from Gavin R. Stevens Foundation. Due to Gavin R. Stevens Foundation's non-renewal, the number of permits to be issued in 2026 will be reduced to 23 in accordance with the revised Chino Municipal Code Section 8.12.030 (Sales of Fireworks–Retail Permit). This total will continue to decrease through attrition, such as surrendered, revoked, or non-renewed permits until it reaches the established cap of 20 permits.

On April 13, 2026, the Sub-Committee met to review fireworks applications for 2026. 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 2025.

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

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

After receiving confirmation from staff regarding application compliance, the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee agreed to recommend approval of the 23 applications, as listed above, to receive a Fireworks Retail Permit in 2026. Three of the applicants have requested booth relocations. Chino American Little League, which was located at 5510 Philadelphia Street (between Ross and Burlington), is requesting to move their booth to 5459 Philadelphia Street (same shopping center, closer to Curacao Market). Don Lugo High School Grad Night was located at 12550 Central Avenue (southwest corner of Central and Walnut Avenues near DEALAND) and would like to move their booth to 14501 Ramona Avenue (corner of Ramona and Eucalyptus Avenues in the Home Depot Shopping Center). Magnolia Jr. High School Music Boosters was located at 5396 Riverside Drive (northwest corner of 10th Street and Riverside Avenue) and would

like to relocate to 12550 Central Avenue (southwest corner of Central and Walnut Avenues).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission approve the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee's recommendation to issue Fireworks Retail Permits to the 23 returning non-profit groups and for Chino American Little League, Don Lugo High School Grad Night, and Magnolia Jr. High School Music Boosters to move to new locations.

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