



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#20-0462

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2020

TITLE: Ordinance Amending Section 13-55- Fireworks Manufacture; Public
Display Permit by Amending Requirements for Fireworks and Pyrotechnic
Displays and Assessed Fees – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the ordinance amending the language in Section 13-55- Fireworks Manufacture; Public Display Permit for the requirements for fireworks and pyrotechnic displays and assessed fees.

Background

The city's ordinance for fireworks permits has not been updated for several years and the language is not current. There are also changes in the permit process over the past years which have not been added to ordinance.

The changes are as follows:

- The new language updates the terminology used in today's permit process and adds the requirements that are currently in place for the permit review to be approved;
- The new language adds new definitions for pyrotechnics permits;
- The fee was increased from \$25.00 to \$375.00 to cover the cost associated with the permit review and approval and the first two hours of the fire watch that is required by the Fire Code. The fire watch is usually a separate fee that causes confusion at the time of permit and usually takes a few months to collect;
- An additional non-refundable fee was added for late applications to cover the extra cost of staff time needed to perform the review after hours; and
- A change was made to have the Fire Marshal approve all permits to match the current code requirements for pyrotechnics.

There will be a slight increase to the general fund revenues from Fireworks Permit fees to cover the cost associated with the application approvals. The difference will be \$100 per permit. \$250.00 of the permit fee is already charged to the applicant for the first two (2) hours of a fire watch. The department reviews between 10-15 permits a year for

pyrotechnics equating \$1000-\$1500 additional revenues.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$300.

<i>Funds available as of May 22, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
001-FIR010401-J118	Fire Prevention	Charges for Service/ Miscellaneous Fire	\$200	\$225	\$300
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$300

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6 - Build a safe and well-prepared community
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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