

City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

June 7, 2011 New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FIREWORKS STORAGE PERMITS

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Approved by Clifford W. Graves

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I. SUMMARY

Section 3101.8 of the Carson Municipal Code (CMC) prohibits the storage of fireworks in any building or other place within the city without a permit from the City Council. Two organizations anticipate the need for exterior storage of their fireworks inventory and are seeking Council's approval of their permit applications.

II. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

APPROVE the issuance of a Fireworks Storage Permit to the Carson High Boosters Club, Inc. and the Filipino Community of Carson, Inc., contingent upon their compliance with Section 3101.8 of the Carson Municipal Code.

III. ALTERNATIVES

- 1. DENY the applications for fireworks storage permit.
- 2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Fireworks stands are intended to accommodate the storage of unsold inventory. The majority of the organizations are able to operate within these restrictions each year. However, there are some organizations that order a large quantity of stock in anticipation of high sales volume, and the storage capacity within the stand cannot accommodate their large inventory. Additional storage is necessary for these organizations, and pursuant to Section 3101.8 of the CMC (Exhibit No. 3), the Carson High Boosters Club, Inc. and the Filipino Community of Carson, Inc. are seeking Council's approval for a Fireworks Storage Permit for the July 2011 season.

The Carson High Boosters Club, Inc. will locate their stand at 20740 S. Figueroa St., in the parking lot north of the Memory Lanes Antique Mall. As depicted on the attached plot map (Exhibit No. 1), the storage of stock overflow will be stored in a portable storage container next to the stand on the east, close to Figueroa Street.

The Filipino Community of Carson, Inc. will locate their stand at 129 E. Lomita Blvd., in the parking lot west of Bestway Market. As depicted on the attached plot



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map (Exhibit No. 2), the storage of stock overflow will be stored in a portable storage container behind the stand to the north, close to Main Street and Lomita Blvd.

Both organizations have provided satisfactory evidence of public liability and property damage insurance in the amounts required by law, and the city of Carson is named as an additional insured on the certificate.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Both applicants have paid the required permit fee of \$150.00.

VI. <u>EXHIBITS</u>

- 1. Plot map for Carson High Boosters Club, Inc. (pg. 3)
- 2. Plot map for Filipino Community of Carson, Inc. (pg. 4)
- 3. Section 3101.8 of the CMC. (pg. 5)

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City Clerk	<u>City Treasurer</u>
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§ 3101.8 Storage of Fireworks.

It shall be unlawful to store any fireworks in any residence, home, garage, or automobile within the City of Carson. It shall also be unlawful to store any fireworks in any building or other place within the City of Carson without having first applied for and received a license pursuant to CMC 6310 and a permit therefor pursuant to the provisions of this Section from the City Council. An application for such a permit shall be filed with the City Council along with payment of a nonrefundable application fee of \$150.00 and the City Council shall cause an investigation to be made of the place where it is proposed to store such fireworks. Notwithstanding the foregoing, storage of fireworks in connection with a public display of fireworks by a pyrotechnic operator shall be governed by permit issued under CMC 3101.9:

- (a) Prior to initiating the storage of fireworks at the permitted location, the permittee shall procure liability and property damage insurance covering its operation in and about said premises in a minimum amount of \$100,000/\$200,000/\$25,000; in addition, the City of Carson shall be named as an additional insured on such insurance. The permittee shall file a certificate of such insurance with the City Clerk within seven (7) days after Council approval of such storage operation.
- (b) No fireworks shall be stored within one hundred (100) feet of any gasoline service station or any garage located within twenty-five (25) feet of any other structure. Any facility for the storage of fireworks shall maintain a minimum setback from the street curbing of ten (10) feet.
- (c) There shall be maintained at each location where fireworks are stored, at least two (2) fire extinguishers approved by the Los Angeles County Fire Department; provided, however, that if more than one (1) room at any location is used for fireworks storage, there shall be at least one (1) approved fire extinguisher per room.
- (d) No person shall light, or cause, or permit to be lighted, any fireworks, or any other article or material, within any structure approved for fireworks storage, or within fifty (50) feet thereof.
- (e) No smoking shall be allowed in any structure used for the storage of fireworks nor within fifty (50) feet of said structure. "No Smoking" signs shall be prominently displayed.
- (f) No minor, age sixteen (16) or younger, shall be in the fireworks storage structure.
- (g) No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the premises. No person who is under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall enter, or be allowed in the building or structure used for fireworks storage.
- (h) The permittee shall provide an adult night watchman to act and serve during all hours other than normal business hours. Under no circumstances shall the night watchman sleep within the building in which the fireworks are stored.
 - (i) All permits must be posted in a conspicuous place at the storage site.
- (j) The permittee shall strictly comply with all the provisions of the State Fireworks Law (Sections 12500 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California). (Ord. 69-86, § 4; Ord. 69-94, § 1; Ord. 70-122, § 1; Ord. 92-986U, § 3; Ord. 95-1081U, § 3; Ord. 04-1307, § 5)

