



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Pierson and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: April 6, 2021

Meeting date: April 26, 2021

Subject: Fourth of July Fireworks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Affirm that permit applications for offshore fireworks displays can be processed for Summer 2021 in compliance with Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Section 9.36.010.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: MMC Section 9.36.010 restricts offshore fireworks displays to only July 1-6, December 31, January 1, or “other times as authorized by the city council.” (Attachment 1). The Los Angeles County Fire Department, which issues the permits, has agreed to comply with the City’s ordinance. However, in 2020, at the City’s request, no fireworks permits were issued when it was determined that the displays might invite gatherings that posed a serious health and safety risk of spreading COVID-19.

Los Angeles County moved into the Orange Tier of the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy on April 2, 2021, due to considerable improvements in the County’s COVID-19 statistics. COVID-19 vaccine allocations have also improved, and vaccinations will be available to all Californians over the age of 16 as of April 15, 2021.

Staff requests the Council affirm that permit applications for Summer 2021 fireworks displays from barges off the Malibu coast may be processed in compliance with MMC Section 9.36.010.

ATTACHMENTS: MMC Section 9.36.010

Chapter 9.36 FIREWORKS

9.36.010 Fireworks restrictions.

In addition to restrictions on the sale, possession, use, detonation, or explosion of fireworks within the city limits of Malibu, it is unlawful to use, light, detonate, or display any fireworks offshore of the Malibu coast if sound from such displays is audible from the shore at any time except on July 1st through 6th, December 31st, January 1st, or other times as authorized by the city council.

Fireworks shall commence no earlier than sunset and conclude by 10:00 p.m. (Ord. 400 § 2, 2015)

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