



City Council Agenda Item Report

FROM: Ryan Cummins, City Manager

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Fireworks Permit – Venetian Festival Display

DESCRIPTION:

The Saugatuck-Douglas Convention and Visitors Bureau has submitted a request for Council to approve a fireworks display permit during the Venetian Festival.

The City Code requires Council approval:

§ 92.07 FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

A permit from the City Council is required for the possession, use, or discharge of display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic or special effects (collectively for purposes of this subchapter hereinafter "display fireworks") for public or private display within the city on terms and in a manner consistent with the Act. The storage of fireworks shall be prohibited in the city except in compliance with the Act. All permits shall be subject to compliance with this subchapter and the Act. In the event of any conflict between this subchapter and the Act, the more stringent provision shall control.

A safety meeting is being scheduled. Approval of the overall event is also forthcoming to the Council.

BUDGET ACTION:

None.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal will be at your meeting for any questions.

SAMPLE MOTION:

Motion to approve a permit for fireworks display on July 26 with a rain date of July 27, contingent upon a safety meeting and all conditions of the safety meeting being followed.

2025 Application for Fireworks Other Than Consumer or Low Impact

FOR USE BY LEGISLATIVE BODY
OF CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP
BOARD ONLY

DATE PERMIT(S) EXPIRE:

Authority: 2011 PA 256

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TYPE OF PERMIT(S) (Select all applicable boxes)

- ☐ Agricultural or Wildlife Fireworks ☐ Articles Pyrotechnic ☒ Display Fireworks
- ☒ Public Display ☐ Private Display ☐ Special Effects Manufactured for Outdoor Pest Control or Agricultural Purposes

NAME OF APPLICANT Saugatuck Douglas Area CVB		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT P.O Box 28, Saugatuck, MI 49453		AGE OF APPLICANT 18 YEARS OR OLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO
NAME OF PERSON OR RESIDENT AGENT REPRESENTING CORPORATION, LLC, DBA OR OTHER		ADDRESS OF PERSON OR RESIDENT AGENT REPRESENTING CORPORATION, LLC, DBA OR OTHER		
IF A NON-RESIDENT APPLICANT (LIST NAME OF MICHIGAN ATTORNEY OR MICHIGAN RESIDENT AGENT)		ADDRESS (MICHIGAN ATTORNEY OR MICHIGAN RESIDENT AGENT)		TELEPHONE NUMBER
NAME OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC		ADDRESS OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR 3275 W. M-76, PO Box 276 West Branch, MI 48661		AGE OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR 18 YEARS OR OLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO
NO. YEARS EXPERIENCE 20+	NO. DISPLAYS 500+	WHERE Throughout Michigan		
NAME OF ASSISTANT TBD		ADDRESS OF ASSISTANT TBD		AGE OF ASSISTANT 18 YEARS OR OLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO
NAME OF OTHER ASSISTANT TBD		ADDRESS OF OTHER ASSISTANT TBD		AGE OF OTHER ASSISTANT 18 YEARS OR OLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO
EXACT LOCATION OF PROPOSED DISPLAY Loading of Barge, Safe Harbor Marina 216 St. Peters Dr.				
DATE OF PROPOSED DISPLAY July 26th, 2025 (Rain: July 27th, 2025)		TIME OF PROPOSED DISPLAY Approx. 10:00 PM		
MANNER AND PLACE OF STORAGE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LOCAL FIRE AUTHORITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 1123, 1124 & 1126 AND OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS. PROVIDE PROOF OF PROPER LICENSING OR PERMITTING BY STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT Stored at Federally Licensed Facility Until Date of Display				
AMOUNT OF BOND OR INSURANCE (TO BE SET BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT) \$5,000,000		NAME OF BONDING CORPORATION OR INSURANCE COMPANY Britton Gallagher		
ADDRESS OF BONDING CORPORATION OR INSURANCE COMPANY One Cleveland Center, 1375 E. 9th St. 30th Floor, Cleveland OH 44114				
NUMBER OF FIREWORKS		KIND OF FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED (Please provide additional pages as needed)		
Approx. 450		3" Shells		
Approx. 180		4" Shells		
Approx. 50		5" Shells		
Approx. 10		Various Barrage Cakes 3" & Smaller		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				DATE

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This permit is not transferable. Possession of this permit authorizes the herein named person to possess, transport and display fireworks in the amounts, for the purpose of an at the place listed below only through permit expiration date.

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NAME OF PERSON PERMIT ISSUED TO Saugatuck Douglas Area CVB		AGE (18 YEARS OR OLDER) ☒ YES ☐ NO
ADDRESS OF PERSON PERMIT ISSUED TO P.O Box 28, Saugatuck, MI 49453		
NAME OF ORGANIZATION, GROUP, FIRM OR CORPORATION		
ADDRESS		
NUMBER AND TYPES OF FIREWORKS (Please attach additional pages if necessary) Approx. 450 3" Shells Approx. 180 4" Shells Approx. 50 5" Shells Approx. 10 Various Barrage Cakes 3" & Smaller		
EXACT LOCATION OF DISPLAY OR USE Loading of Barge, Safe Harbor Marina 216 St. Peters Dr.		
CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP Douglas	DATE July 26th, 2025 (Rain: July 27th, 2025)	TIME Approx. 10:00 PM
BOND OF INSURANCE FILED Yes		AMOUNT \$5,000,000

Issued by action of the Legislative Body of a ☐ City ☐ Village ☐ Township of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2025. (Signature and Title of Legislative Body Representative)	
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THIS FORM IS VALID UNTIL THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF PERMIT