



CITY OF APPLETON

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2024
To: Safety & Licensing Committee
From: Jeremy Hansen, Fire Chief
Subject: Appleton Municipal Code, Chapter 6 Revision

A change is needed to the fee structure and section 6-43 (b) (12) of the Appleton Municipal Code. Section 6-43 (b) (12) covers fireworks and pyrotechnic displays. The needed change is to add 'open flame effects' to this section. This change recognizes the differences between full fireworks/pyrotechnics displays and an open flame effect display. With this modification, a recommended fee of \$400 is proposed for the permit.

For open flame effect displays, the review process is very similar to that of pyrotechnics or fireworks displays. The review includes a detailed plan for the show, including performer information, fuel types, fire watch, fire resistance of costumes, and a detailed layout. The performer is also required to provide certificates of insurance. As each display is different, each must undergo the same level of scrutiny to ensure a safe show is provided. These reviews typically take four hours to complete and require access to NFPA codes for reference. The major difference between a firework/pyrotechnic display and an open flame effect display is that the fire department does not provide staff for an open flame effect display. For firework/pyrotechnic displays, the fire department provides inspectors from setup through the firing of the show, whereas for open flame effect displays, the onus falls to the operator to provide the fire watch.