



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 8

DATE OF MEETING: June 22, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Tommy Batson, Fire Marshal Office

SHORT TITLE: Resolution to Allow Pyrotechnic Display on September 26, 2015 Requested by Lynn Lanier on behalf of the NC Spot Festival.

BACKGROUND: The Pender County Fire Marshal Office has received a request from the NC Spot Festival to allow a fireworks display at the spot festival field at the 14000 block of US Hwy 17 in Hampstead on September 26, 2015. The North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal now requires the Board of County Commissioners to approve all pyrotechnic displays under N.C.G.S. 14-413. This requirement was implemented as a result of a fireworks truck explosion that occurred while preparing for a show in Ocracoke, NC in 2009 in which four people were killed. The State of North Carolina Legislature passed the 2010 North Carolina Pyrotechnics Act that modified the General Statutes to define the term fireworks “expert” as a state requirement to obtain a display operator’s permit (N.C.G.S. 14-410) effective February 1, 2010. The Fire Marshal’s Office will be on site for review and approval of the complete setup, display shooting and cleaning up from the pyrotechnic display. The pyrotechnic display will be a public display in Surf City NC on July 3, 2014. It will be conducted by an approved and licensed fireworks company, Zambelli, 20 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101. The display will meet all rules and regulations set by NC Code Fire Code, NFPA 1123, NFPA 1126, OSFM, and AFT. This pyrotechnic company has been successfully at the NC Spot Festival, Topsail Beach 50th Anniversary show and the Bert Lea Shows. Zambelli meets all of the liability insurance requirements set by the State of North Carolina and the Fire Marshal Office recommends approval of their request.

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A Check List from the Department of Insurance and Office of State Fire Marshal is attached.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution to allow the pyrotechnic display.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the request to allow a public pyrotechnic display at the NC Spot Festival at the 14000 block of US Hwy 17, Hampstead NC on September 26, 2015 is approved.

The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Williams ____ Brown ____ McCoy ____ Piepmeyer ____ Keith ____

J. David Williams, Chairman 6/22/2015
Date

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