



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve a Pyrotechnics Display at the Governor's Club Clubhouse on July 4, 2017

Action Requested:

Chatham County Board of Commissioners vote on a request to approve a Pyrotechnics Display at the Governor's Club Clubhouse on July 4, 2017.

Introduction & Background:

North Carolina General Statute 14-410 (Attachment #A) requires that Pyrotechnic Displays be pre-approved by the County Board of Commissioners that the display is to be conducted in. Mr. Dennis Williams, Skylights Fireworks Displays, has submitted a "special event" application and has sent a letter of request (Attachment #B) to conduct a Pyrotechnics display at the Governor's Club Clubhouse to be held on July 4, 2017. The actual display operator conducting the display will be Mr. Randy Williams, Skylights Fireworks Displays, who is a NC Licensed Pyrotechnics Display Operator.

Discussion & Analysis:

Due to the dangerous nature and tragedy at Ocracoke, NC involving Pyrotechnics, the State of North Carolina enacted strict requirements including the licensing of Pyrotechnic Display Operators. Mr. Dennis Williams, Skylights Fireworks Displays, has provided the required documentation for review which includes a copy of Mr. Randy Williams, Skylights Fireworks Displays, NC Pyrotechnic Display Operators License (Attachment #C), Certificate of Insurance (Attachment #D), and an ATF License/Permit (Attachment #E). Mr. Dennis Williams also submitted a drawing of the area denoting the required distances from the spectators and structures (Attachment #F). The sizes and types of pyrotechnics to be used were reviewed. Mr. Dennis Williams has met the applicable requirements of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1123 Fireworks and Explosives. In accordance with the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code an inspection of the display area will be conducted by a Certified NC Fire Prevention Inspector of the Chatham County Fire Marshal's Office prior to the actual display. A piece of fire apparatus and personnel from the North Chatham Fire Department will be on-site before, during, and after the display. The Pyrotechnics Display may be delayed and or cancelled if weather and/or atmospheric conditions deem the activity to be unsafe. The Chatham County Fire Marshal will conduct a post display inspection of the display area.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Chatham County Board of Commissioner's vote on a request to approve a Pyrotechnics Display to be conducted at the Governor's Club Clubhouse on July 4, 2017.

