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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: William S. Drake, Fire Official
DATE: June 11, 2014
RE: Fireworks Display & Authorization Resolution
Spirit of Princeton Independence Day Celebration – 2 July 2014

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I have attached a resolution for your consideration at the next Mayor & Council meeting. The resolution gives permission to Spirit of Princeton, a non-profit community service organization to sponsor a fireworks display by Garden State Fireworks of Millington, NJ stage on July 2, 2014, to commemorate Independence Day 2014. The fireworks event will be held rain or shine on that evening.

The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*) requires the governing body provide authorization for such displays by resolution, prior to the Fire Official granting a permit for such display. Based on my review of the permit application, the proposed locations on the lands owned by Princeton University are of sufficient size to accommodate the number, type, and diameter of the proposed fireworks. There should be no fallout or other detritus from the display leaving the boundaries these lands.

The show will last approximately 30 minutes or less. The Princeton Fire Department and Princeton EMS will be onsite during the course of the fireworks, as per Robert Gregory, Emergency Services Director, and the Princeton Police will be controlling road closings and providing traffic control. Princeton University has granted permission to use their property and Princeton University Department of Public Safety will be providing security. Spirit of Princeton will be responsible for post display cleanup and the “first light” inspection/check for unexploded fireworks shells.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION
MAYOR & COUNCIL OF PRINCETON
PRIVATE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

WHEREAS, Spirit of Princeton, an non-profit community service organization, desires to conduct a fireworks display on lands they owned by Princeton University in order to commemorate the our nation's Independence Day, said display to take place on July 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, said fireworks display shall be conducted by Garden State Fireworks, of Millington, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks is a U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives licensed Importer of Explosives, License Number 8-NJ-027-20-5D-00096; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code requires that the governing body of the municipality approve by resolution, said fireworks display, prior to the issuance of a permit by the Fire Official (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official has communicated with the Director of Emergency Services of Princeton, who has consented on behalf of the Princeton Fire Department to provide fire protection as required; Director of Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, who has consented on behalf of said Rescue Squad to provide emergency medical services as required; and a representative of Chief Nicolas Sutter of the Princeton Police Department, who has consented to provide traffic control and police services as required, and Princeton University who will provide the venue, security services and facilities personnel; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks has provided proof of general liability insurance in excess of \$1,000,000.00 as required by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official of Princeton has reviewed the application for permit, insurance requirements and all other applicable regulations and has found all to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official of Princeton recommends the approval of said resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the municipality of Princeton that this resolution is adopted and that a permit may be granted by the Fire Official of Princeton, upon his approval, for a fireworks display sponsored by Spirit of Princeton, to take place on the Princeton University Campus on July 2, 2014.

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda S. McDermott, Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was considered and adopted by the Princeton Council at its regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June, 2014.

Linda S. McDermott, Clerk
Princeton