



Fireworks in the City

Status Council

Responsible Division Community Development

Objective To establish standards for fireworks displays.

Context

The Department of Mines and Petroleum is responsible for the statutory approval of fireworks displays. This approval process requires the local government of the district to provide written consent.

The *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* establishes the prescribed standard for noise emissions. Most fireworks displays exceed these standard noise emissions.

Definitions

Private Events

Noise from fireworks displays proposed as part of a private event (such as; private parties, weddings, etc; held at function centres (or similar venues).

Community/Public Events

Noise from fireworks displays proposed as part of a Community Event (such as; shows, fairs, fetes, exhibitions, etc...) or a Public event (such as concerts, public open spaces etc) with the event being open to members of the general public is controlled in accordance with the approval process stipulated in Regulation 18 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

Statement

The City will only support approval for fireworks and pyrotechnics displays that are:

- limited to a 15-minute duration for community and public events, or 5 minutes for private events; and,
- timed to occur within the following day and time limitations:
 - From Sunday to Thursday displays will conclude no later than 9:00 pm AWST.
 - On Fridays, Saturdays or the day before a Public Holiday displays will conclude no later than 10.00 pm (AWST).



- On 31 December New Year's Eve displays will conclude no later than 12:30 am (AWST) on 1 January.

The City will limit its support for applications for fireworks and pyrotechnics displays to not more than:

- Three community/public events at any one location within any rolling 12-month period;
- Two private events at any one location within any rolling 12-month period; and
- Regardless of the above, the City reserves the right to vary its support of fireworks and pyrotechnics applications.

The City of Nedlands support for an application for firework and pyrotechnics displays is conditional upon the applicant or event organiser providing residents and occupiers of surrounding property with notification occurring at least two weeks prior to the scheduled display.

The notice will include the following minimum details:

- location or venue
- date and time, and
- contact information for the event organiser.

The form of notification can be either:

- an advertisement in the form of a prominent display notice appearing in a local or community newspaper, and
- community or public events: a direct letter drop to all properties within a 1 km radius of the location or venue for fireworks, or
- private: a direct letter drop to all properties within a 250 metre radius of the location or venue for pyrotechnics, or
- a direct letter drop to all properties as required by the City for fireworks displays.



Non-conforming applications

Applications that are outside the requirements of this policy may be made in writing, seeking exemption and outlining reasons for consideration.

Non-conforming applications must be received by the City no later than 60 clear days prior to the proposed display and will be referred to the Council for determination.

Related Documentation

Nil.

Related Local Law / Legislation

Explosives and Dangerous Goods Act 1961
Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997

Related delegation

Nil.

Review History

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