

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Close Proximity Fireworks Display
NAME: UM-Flint New Year's Eve Fireworks
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2017

Background


The Downtown Development Authority of the City of Flint is requesting permission to hold close proximity fireworks display as part of the City of Flint New Year's Eve celebration that will be held on December 31, 2017. The fireworks display will be performed from the rooftop of the UM-Flint Harrison parking ramp. The Harrison parking ramp is constructed of cement and structural steel. There are no adjoining buildings in relation to the Harrison parking ramp. The Harrison parking ramp will be vacant during the fireworks display and access will remain restricted until Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. vacates the premises.

Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has been selected to produce the fireworks show. Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has provided the City of Flint's fire marshal, Office of Risk Management Services, Office of General Counsel, and the Department of Public Safety with the relevant information for its pyrotechnic operator, years of experience, the number and type of close proximity fireworks it proposes to include, and its applicable insurance coverage. Additionally, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has provided the plan for production of the display including schedule, security, safety, and fire protection.

Based upon the planned coordination with the Flint Fire Department, the location and type of structure of the Harrison ramp, the collaborative nature between the Department of Public Safety, Downtown Development Authority and Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc., the Chief of Police at the Department of Public Safety has concluded that the low proximity fireworks display may be conducted in a safe and controlled environment.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the close proximity fireworks display for the City of Flint New Year's Eve celebration as described.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Susan E. Borrego, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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