

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Michigan Stadium Fireworks Approval

Action Requested: Approval of Close Proximity Fireworks Display

Background:

On July 24 and July 25, 2026, country music artist Morgan Wallen will perform in concert at Michigan Stadium. The events are anticipated to draw approximately 150,000 attendees over the two days. To further enhance the fan experience for this major event, Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) proposes to have theatrical pyrotechnics displays during the concert performances. These pyrotechnics displays would be utilized while an artist is playing to add to the concert experience in and around the staging areas.

AEG has selected Pyrotek Special Effects Inc. and FFP Effects Inc. to produce and execute the pyrotechnics displays during the performances. Pyrotek and FFP have submitted all required documentation to the university's fire marshal, including information regarding its licensed pyrotechnic operators, years of experience, proposed pyrotechnics inventory, and applicable insurance coverage. A full safety, fire protection, and security plan for the show has also been submitted and reviewed by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Insurance and Claims Administration, and Public Safety. AEG will formally contract with Pyrotek and FFP to deliver this pyrotechnics production contingent upon final approval from the university's fire marshal, confirming that all safety, security, and fire protection requirements have been met.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed pyrotechnics display for the Morgan Wallen concerts on July 24, 2026 and July 25, 2026 as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,



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