

**Memorandum
Office of the City Clerk**

To: Thomas Thomas, City Manager
Subject: Pyrotechnic Display Permit at Jumer's Casino and Hotel
Date: June 14, 2013



Attached is a memo from Fire Marshal Greg Marty detailing the application review process for a pyrotechnic display permit request from John Norris of J&M Displays. This permit request is in regards to a fireworks display to be held for the IMAGE Player's Club members as part of Jumer's Red, White and Blue BBQ event. The fireworks display will be held on Friday, July 5, 2013 (rain date July 6th) at Jumer's Casino and Hotel at 9:30 pm at 777 Jumer Drive.

John Norris from J & M Displays is a licensed pyrotechnics distributor and operator and will be the technician for the fireworks display. Mr. Norris is working with Fire Marshal Greg Marty to ensure that all the proper procedures are being followed.

Also attached is a letter from Erin Vargas, Player Development Manager on behalf of Jumer's Casino and Hotel requesting permission for the Fireworks display.

Article I of Chapter 10, Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances does not permit fireworks to be discharged in the City of Rock Island. Prior to the permit being issued and for the fireworks display to move forward, it is recommended that Council temporarily waive the ordinance.

The pyrotechnics display permit application, insurance and a copy of the identified section of the ordinance is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council approve the fireworks display and temporarily waive Article I of Chapter 10, Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances, and authorize the Fire Marshal's office to issue the pyrotechnic display permit.

Submitted by: Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL**

TO: Aleisha Patchin, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Pyrotechnic Display Permit Application
DATE: 6/14/13

An application for a pyrotechnic display has been submitted to my office by John Norris of J & M Displays. Mr. Norris is a licensed pyrotechnics distributor and operator. He possesses the required Illinois certifications through the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office. His application was submitted within the prescribed time limitations required under Illinois State Statutes.

A permit has been requested for a fireworks display to be held on July 5, 2013 at 9:30 p.m. at Jumer's Casino at 777 Jumer's Drive. A rain date of July 6, 2013 is also noted on the application. The show will be part of a celebration for Players Club Members. The show will be shot using a professionally licensed shooter with all the required state and federal licensures. The application has been reviewed and found to be in order. All safety measures and practices are understood and will be followed.

As part of the application process, the applicant must be granted a variance of the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Sec. 10-9 before a permit may be issued. Before the permit is issued the completed application must be reviewed and the variance must be granted.

Recommendation: After a review of the application it is my recommendation that a variance of the ordinance would be in order. Pending council's granting the variance, a permit will be issued by the Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted by: Greg C. Marty, Fire Marshal
Approved by: James J. Fobert, Fire Chief



June 14, 2013

Dear Rock Island City Council Members:

On behalf of Jumer's Casino & Hotel, I am writing in order to request permission from the Rock Island City Council to hold a fireworks show, displayed by J&M Displays, on Friday, July 5th at 9:30pm. In the event of inclement weather, we would like to hold the show on Saturday, July 6th at 9:30pm.

We would like to offer the private fireworks show to a select group of our IMAGE Player's Club members as part of our Red, White and Blue BBQ event.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin N. Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Erin N. Vargas
Player Development Manager
Jumer's Casino & Hotel

PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION
ROCK ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
PERMIT #
PERMIT FEE: \$ 50.00
ACCT. # 101-0-0-499591
RECEIVED BY:
SITE INSPECTED: Y / N

DISPLAY LOCATION

STREET ADDRESS: 777 Jumer Dr.
OR SITE LOCATION: Jumer Casino

OWNER'S NAME: Delaware North Co / Jumer Casino
ADDRESS: 777 Jumer Dr.
CITY / STATE / ZIP: Rock Island Il.
PHONE #: 309-373-0049 - Rachael Pomise

PYROTECHNIC DISTRIBUTOR / OPERATOR

CONTRATOR'S NAME: J-M Display
ADDRESS: 18064 170th Ave
CITY / STATE / ZIP: Yamouth Ia 50222
BUSINESS PHONE #: 319-394-3890
IL. LICENSE #: See Attached
EMERGENCY PHONE # 563-349-2398 - John Korris

LEAD PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR: John P Korris
ADDRESS: 1107 W 51st St
CITY / STATE / ZIP: Davenport Ia 52801
IL. LICENSE #: _____

DISPLAY DATE(S)

DATE(S) of DISPLAY: 7-5-13 20 7-6-13 - 9:30 pm
PROJECTED DISPLAY TIME: 9:30 pm
ESTIMATED DURATION OF DISPLAY: 15 - 20 min
APPLICATION SUBMITTED AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO DISPLAY: (Y) / N

ALL DISPLAYS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE, FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL CODES AS WELL AS COMPLY WITH ALL STATE, FEDERAL AND NATIONAL STANDARDS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO ALL ASPECTS OF THIS DISPLAY.

Sec. 10-9. Firearms; Explosives; Slingshot; Fireworks; Bow And Arrow; Air Gun:

- (a) No person shall, in any part of the City, fire or discharge any cannon, gun, pistol or other firearm, or set off, fire or explode any torpedo, firecracker, fireball, rocket or other fireworks whatsoever³. However, the discharge of firearms by the members of any military organization when on parade and in accordance with the command of the commanding officer, or by any City officer or other person in the discharge of any legal duty or necessary and lawful act done in a proper and careful manner, shall not be deemed a violation hereof⁴. No person shall in any part of the City possess any torpedo, firecracker, fireball, rocket or other fireworks whatsoever. Fireworks as defined in the Fireworks Regulation Act 425 Illinois Compiled Statutes 30/2.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge on the streets, avenues, alleys or other public grounds any air gun or toy gun from which is sent a lead or metal missile.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot a slingshot or bow and arrow within the corporate limits of the City. However, archery may be practiced if done in a safe place and under the competent supervision of an adult.
- (d) The minimum fine for a violation of the provisions of this Section shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the event a person is accused of a violation of this Section and does not wish to contest said allegation prior to the time a complaint is issued for the violation, then the person so accused may pay to the City at police headquarters a penalty in the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for and in full satisfaction of the violation. (1963 Code, Ch. XII, Art. I; Ord., 12-21-1970; Ord., 1-12-1981; Ord., 1-11-1982; Ord. 83-57, 2-6-1984; Ord. 91-136, 12-9-1991; Ord. 94-106, 12-12-1994)