



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WA
May 17, 2023

ITEM TITLE: An ordinance amending Ch 5.42 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code	PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION: Adopt Ordinance
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SUBMITTED BY	Trevor Martin
EXHIBITS	Ordinance
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER	May 17, 2023

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	0
AMOUNT BUDGETED	0
BUDGET AMENDMENT	0

SUMMARY

The City of Sunnyside staff has been approached by a local property owner and company to locate a firework warehouse and distribution center in Sunnyside. The firework company produces consumer grade, non-aerial fireworks, mainly snaps, sparklers, and poppers. The distribution center would be located in an already existing building that had been upgraded previously to accommodate this type of storage use. This facility would become the company's primary shipping and distribution center in Washington.

Currently, the storage and sale of fireworks are prohibited in all areas of the city, this includes warehousing and wholesaling. City staff has researched the subject of consumer firework materials, reviewed the zoning code, and determined that if a building meets certain criteria within the fire and building codes, limited permission for firework type uses can be allowed in the Light and Heavy Industrial Zoning Districts (M-1 & M-2). Warehousing and storage are already permitted uses in the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts, however, Ch. 5.42 specifically prohibits all uses, sales, storage, and purchases unless specifically stated. The International Building Code and Fire Code specifically address consumer grade fireworks and the amount of material that is allowed to be stored before the building needs to install specific fire suppression upgrades. The building proposed for this use already has adequate fire flow and building access, and the company could move in with minimal changes to the building.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 5.42