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SUBJECT: 2023 FIREWORKS STAND LOTTERY

Applications will be accepted beginning February 6, 2022, for the 2023 Fireworks Stand Lottery. Applications are available online at www.cityofsalinas.org and will also be available at the City’s Permit Center, located at 65 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Completed applications must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday February 24, 2023.

Once again, this year there will be 18 fireworks stands allowed in the City of Salinas.

Nonprofit organizations such as schools or school organizations or a duly organized nonprofit, tax exempt charitable, religious, civic, patriotic, or community service association, organization or corporation which have met all the following criteria continuously for a minimum period of one year immediately preceding the filing of an application for a permit to display for sale or to sell safe and sane fireworks are eligible:

1. The organization must be either a school or a school organization or a duly organized entity which has tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service or the Franchise Tax Board, and that serves, in whole or in part, residents of the city of Salinas.
2. The organization must have its principal place of business and principal meeting place within the city of Salinas and must hold its regularly scheduled meetings within the city of Salinas.
3. The organization must be one that provides direct and regular community services and benefits to the residents of the city of Salinas.
4. The organization must not have had a permit to sell revoked within twenty-four months prior to the organization's submittal of an application for a permit to sell.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of fireworks stands that will be allowed, the City will select from among the qualified applicants using a lottery draw. Priority will be given to:

- (1) Schools or school organizations, with preference to high schools
- (2) Youth sports and activities,

- (3) Community Organizations, and
- (4) Religious and fraternal, service and veterans' organizations.

Out of the 18 fireworks stands allowed, up to 12 will be for schools or school organizations.

Applications will be reviewed for qualifications from February 27th through March 4th. An announcement of qualified applicants will be made on March 10th, and the lottery draw will be held on March 16th. Qualified applicants will be notified by mail of the time and location of the lottery draw.

A non-refundable application fee of \$225.23 must accompany each application, and Mayor Kimbley Craig adds, *"The City of Salinas reminds everyone to celebrate safely with only State Fire Marshal approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks, and help the City eradicate the use of dangerous illegal fireworks by reporting their use to www.salinasfireworks.com.*