

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS FROM ISU HOMECOMING CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR ISU HOMECOMING EVENTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

From October 26-27, the Homecoming Central Committee at Iowa State University is again planning to host its annual Homecoming activities. The events this year include the traditional ExCYtement in the Streets lawn displays and mass campaniling on Friday, October 26. Earlier this year, the City Council approved the downtown Homecoming parade as a kickoff to the activities, to be held Sunday, October 21.

ExCYtement in the Streets consists of two activities on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: the Greek System lawn displays and fireworks on Central Campus in conjunction with Campaniling. The lawn displays will be exhibited between approximately 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. To facilitate this event, organizers are asking the City Council to approve the following requests:

- Closure of Sunset Drive from Ash Avenue to just west of the intersection with Beach Avenue
- Closure of Ash Avenue from Gable Lane to Knapp Street (Knapp and Gable will remain open)
- Closure of Gray Avenue from its intersection with Gable Lane to Greeley Street
- Closure of Pearson Avenue between Greeley Street and Sunset Drive
- Temporary Obstruction Permit for the closed areas as well as the Greek Triangle.

Streets will be closed at approximately 5:00 p.m. and will be reopened by 11:00 p.m. On-street parking will also be prohibited on these streets from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26.

Public Works will provide the barricades necessary for the street closures along with "No Parking" signs. Organizers will be responsible for staffing the barricades while they are in place. Organizers have indicated they will notify affected non-Greek residents by going door-to-door with information. A letter of support from the Campustown Action Association is attached.

Organizers also plan to hold the annual fireworks display on Central Campus as part of mass Campaniling. Therefore, a fireworks permit is requested for a ground effects fireworks display on Central Campus to begin at midnight (12:00 a.m.) on Friday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**In the past four years, concerns regarding noise from the fireworks component of this event were raised during the City Council discussion and approval. However, the City Council has continued to approve this component of the event as planned. Event organizers have been made aware of the concerns regarding noise from fireworks and wish to proceed with conducting the fireworks shoot at midnight in the same manner as previous years.**

Organizers have informed City staff that they are working with the on-campus Veterans Center to communicate in advance with students who may be distressed by the noise from fireworks. Organizers have also reported they will notify the SCAN neighborhood association about the fireworks display.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the requests from the Homecoming Central Committee for street and parking closures and a Temporary Obstruction Permit on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and a Fireworks Permit for Central Campus at midnight on Friday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>
2. Deny the requests.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Homecoming Central Committee has a long track record of successfully hosting lawn displays as part of ExCYtement in the Streets. The Homecoming Central Committee has indicated a desire to continue conducting a fireworks shoot on Central Campus at midnight as part of the celebration. Staff has informed the organizers that concerns exist regarding the noise from the fireworks and the effect on the surrounding neighborhood. However, the organizers wish to proceed with a midnight fireworks display. The City Council has been supportive of the fireworks display in the past and has given City staff no formal direction regarding the fireworks. City staff, therefore, assumes that the City Council continues to be supportive of the fireworks display.

Assuming the City Council continues to support the midnight fireworks display, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the requests from the Homecoming Central Committee for street and parking closures and a Temporary Obstruction Permit on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and a Fireworks Permit for Central Campus at midnight on Friday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>



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CAA is supportive of the ExCYtement in the Streets event planned for Friday, October 26, 2018. The Homecoming group is making a concerted effort to inform the affected neighborhoods of the extra noise, street closures and to keep any inconvenience to Ames residents at a minimum. We will be assisting them in this process through our contacts with the property management companies as well as the nearby Neighborhood Associations. We love the energy of Iowa State Homecoming and know the committee is invested in hosting another successful series of events. I think Homecoming week can be a great example of the entire Ames community working together.

Sincerely,

Karin Chitty  
Executive Director

City of Ames Fireworks Permit Application



CITY OF AMES, IOWA
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DISPLAY FIREWORKS

(The outdoor use or exploding of "fireworks," as that term is defined by the Code of Iowa, is prohibited except when done in accordance with a permit authorized by the City Council.)

Name of Event: Iowa State University - 2018 Football Season
Name of Organization Sponsoring Event: Iowa State University - Athletics Marketing
Address of Organization: Intercollegiate Athletics Marketing Office, Jacobson Athletic Bldg., Ames, IA 50011
Name of Applicant: Mary Pink - Associate Athletics Director
Telephone: 515.284.1534 E-mail address: mpink@iastate.edu
Organization's On-site Manager/Contact for Day of Display: Mary Pink
Contact's Cell Phone Number on Day of Display: 515.231.4286
Date & Time of Event: See Attached Rain Date(s) & Time: N/A
Exact Location of shoot/display: Jack Trice Stadium - See Attached Aerial View
[X] Attach diagram of display location.
Size of shells and/or type of display: See Attached
[X] Attach effects list or schedule.
Name of Display Operator/Responsible Shooter: Kelm Brueschke
(This person is to be present on the day of the event.)
[X] Attach a resume showing pyrotechnic certification or qualifications of this person.
Shooter's Work-week Phone: 515.321.2761 Cell Phone (for day of display): 515.321.2761
Name of Insurance Company: Britton Gallagher - Everest Indemnity Ins. Co.

See below for detailed information about insurance requirements.

Display sites are subject to examination by the City Fire Inspector or his/her designee. The Ames Fire Department has authority to cancel/postpone any display if it is determined that there are safety concerns.

Signature of Applicant: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/10/18
Signature of Display Operator: [Handwritten Signature] Date: July 31st, 2018

City of Ames Insurance Requirements:

- Comprehensive General Liability limits in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit and Excess Liability limits in the amount of \$5,000,000. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the ISO Form Number CG0001 covering commercial general liability written on an occurrence basis only.
Applicant and/or Sponsor must be named as certificate holder(s).
The City of Ames, its officers and employees must be named as additional insured.
A copy of the current insurance certificate must be filed with the City Clerk.