



Council Policy

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Policy scope

This policy will only apply where it is a state legislation requirement for the application to be determined by local government. It will also outline the procedure in which the City of Fremantle will consider applications for Fireworks displays. Display fireworks are fireworks intended for use in outdoor displays either ground or aerial.

Policy statement

The City of Fremantle will only approve firework displays that are in the interest of the community. Not more than a total of five aerial fireworks displays will be permitted at any one venue in the City of Fremantle in any one calendar year. Any application for additional displays must be referred to Council for determination. All applications must meet the following:

1. The application must be received by the City of Fremantle at least 30 days prior to the event.
2. The applicant must indemnify the City of Fremantle and any person acting for or on behalf of the City of Fremantle against any claim for damages or injury to persons or property and the costs associated with such a claim that may arise from the event.
3. At least one week and not more than two weeks prior to the event/s, the event organiser proposing to hold a fireworks display must notify residents by way of a pamphlet delivered to the residents' letterbox. This pamphlet must provide information about the date, times and duration of the event. The pamphlet must be delivered to residents within 500 metres of the event venue.

In addition to the pamphlet referred to above notification must occur in the form of a prominent display notice in a local community newspaper circulating in the areas that have the potential to be affected by fireworks noise. The information in the public notice must include the dates, times and location of the fireworks as well as a contact name and phone number of the event organiser who will be present to take calls on the night of the display. A press release is also to be provided to the media advertising the event. The notification information must be viewed and approved by Community Safety Services prior to the notification occurring.

The City is to be provided with confirmation that the above has been progressed and adhered to.



4. The duration of a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display will not exceed 30 minutes on any one occasion or as approved by the CEO.
5. Aerial displays are limited to the following days and times in the City of Fremantle:
 - From Sunday to Thursday, and are to finish no later than 9:30 pm on those nights; and
 - On Fridays, Saturdays and/or the day before a public holiday and are to finish no later than 11.00pm on those nights; and
 - On 31 December (New Year's Eve) and are to finish no later than 12.30am on those nights.
6. The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety are responsible for approving all fireworks displays held in the City of Fremantle. The City's Community Safety Services are responsible for making a recommendation to the decision makers who can in turn make a recommendation in regard to the fireworks application to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
7. The applicant will comply with all safety conditions of approval stipulated by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and the Fire and Emergency Services.
9. The City's Community Safety Services in consultation with the City's Environmental Health Services will assess each application, taking into account previous application(s), potential noise problems, public safety issues and any previous complaints.

Reporting Arrangements on Decision-Making under this Policy

Manager Field Services will provide a report to Council for a decision to reject any application for a "fireworks display" if an applicant submits an appeal in accordance with provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*.



Definitions and abbreviations

Nil

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