



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 27, 2017

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE IDENTITY OF, AND THE APPREHENSION OF, ANY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING THE USE OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

ISSUES:

Offering a reward in the amount of \$1,000 for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person or persons responsible for willful misconduct involving the use of illegal fireworks resulting in injury or death to any person or destruction of property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve offering a reward in the amount of \$1,000 for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person or persons responsible for willful misconduct involving the use of illegal fireworks resulting in injury or death to any person or destruction of property.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

All fireworks are illegal in the City of Riverside. The manufacturing, possession, storage, use or handling of fireworks is prohibited under Section 16.32.100 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

The City Council earlier this year adopted an ordinance amending Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 1.17231 and added Chapter 1.18, to strengthen the consequences of using illegal fireworks in the City limits.

DISCUSSION:

The City is making additional efforts this year - using social media, school fliers, electronic billboards, and public service announcement videos - to educate the public about the dangers of using fireworks, in an attempt to prevent fireworks related injuries, damage to property, and fires caused by fireworks. The offering of the reward adds to the city's toolbox in these efforts.

The reward is specifically for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person or persons responsible for willful misconduct involving the use of illegal fireworks resulting in injury or death to any person or destruction of property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Police Department Account No. 3100000-459026 has sufficient funds to offer this reward.

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Attachment: Resolution