



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Jason Simpson, City Manager

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**Date:** April 28, 2026

**Subject:** July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebration on the Lake

### **Recommendation**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Special Production Agreement with Pyro Spectacular for the July 4th fireworks show in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the Annual Fireworks Show on Lake Elsinore in such final form as approved by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute change orders not to exceed a 10% contingency of \$5,500 for uncertainties and adjustments, and the recommended traffic detour map as approved by the City Engineer.

### **Background**

For years, the City held an Annual Fireworks Spectacular on Lake Elsinore, which included a "View by Boat" fireworks show over the lake. Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. located in Rialto, California provided services. Pyro Spectaculars also performs the same service for many surrounding communities including Diamond Stadium.

Each year, more and more attendees enjoy the production, and KOLA Radio 99.9 broadcast a radio simulcast for the Fireworks show, which lasted approximately 20 minutes. As part of the festivities, a "Party in the Park" is held at Summerly Park, which included games, food, and a Bike Parade.

## 2026 FIREWORKS SHOW

Due to the popularity of the downtown area as a viewing location for the firework show a traffic detour plan was implemented several years ago in an effort to expedite the egress of the thousands of visitors. The detour plan has proven successful and is being recommended to be implemented for the 2026 show by public safety.

### **Discussion**

The Sherriff's Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Recreation Department will coordinate resources to ensure the festivities of the Fireworks Show is a fun and safe event. As the program has expanded year after year, in order to ensure the safety of the participants, staff is recommending the street closures identified in the attachment that will be enforced with a combination of City Public Works staff and Law Enforcement.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Fireworks Show and related public safety and personnel costs are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Pyro Spectaculars is the only supplier of such services in this region; therefore, staff bypassed the normal bid procedures and chose Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. The Fireworks Show is a line item in the Recreation Department budget. If approved, an agreement will be signed and a 50% deposit of \$27,500.00 will be required for Pyro Spectacular to secure the fireworks show. The balance would be due after the fireworks event.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1- Pyro Spectaculars Agreement  
Exhibit A- Pyro Spectaculars Proposal  
Exhibit B- Pyro Spectaculars COI  
Attachment 2 – 2026 4<sup>th</sup> of July Traffic Control Plan Map