



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

January 4, 2012

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: William Nelson, Fire Chief  
David Roberts, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Mon Jin Lau Annual Fireworks Use Request

### Background:

Mon Jin Lau has once again requested permission to use firecrackers at its annual Lion Dance to celebrate Chinese New Year on February 7, 2012. There appear to be no changes from previous years' events. City Council has approved this request in the past.

### Financial Considerations:

Mon Jin Lau has submitted the required fireworks permit application and fee to the fire department as required by ordinance.

### Legal Considerations:

Troy City Code Chapter 93, Fire Prevention, Section 105.6.14.1, requires an operational permit for the public display of fireworks. Troy City Code Chapter 93, Fire Prevention, Section 3301.1.3, prohibits the use of fireworks unless in compliance with the Michigan Fireworks Law. Michigan's Fireworks Law requires that any person or group that would like to conduct a fireworks display must apply to the local unit of government for a permit. The law defines local unit of government as the council or commission of a city or village, or the township board of a township. The use of firecrackers at this public event is considered to be a public display.

### Policy Considerations:

The permitting process is consistent with City Council's goal of enhancing the safety of the community. The fire department will conduct an inspection prior to the event to ensure code compliance.