



To: Mayor Keil and Council Members
City Manager Doug Faseler

From: Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Date: May 5, 2015

Re: Mr. W. Fireworks Variance Request

In November of 2006, Council approved a variance to allow Mr. W. Fireworks, located at 177 Pine Meadow Road, to allow the continued sale of fireworks within 5000 feet of the city limits for a period of eight years. This variance expired on December 31, 2014.

Mr. W. Fireworks has requested another variance to Chapter 70, Article I, Sec 70-7 (b) of the Seguin Code of Ordinances to allow the sale of fireworks within 5000 feet of the city limits for an additional eight years. The fire department does not recommend granting a variance to Mr. W. Fireworks as the property is well within 5000 feet of the city limits. Municipalities have the authority to restrict the sale, use or possession of fireworks within this distance. Nearby properties and future development in the area would be at a greater risk of a fire ignited by fireworks if this variance is granted.

The undeveloped land surrounding this property becomes inviting to their patrons to use as a place to discharge the fireworks purchased at this business, thereby increasing the fire potential in that area.

The Fire Department is recommending that the variance Chapter 70, Article I, Sec 70-7 (b) of the Seguin Code of Ordinances to allow the sale of fireworks within 5000 feet of the city limits be denied. Staff is available should you have any questions regarding this matter.