



March 29, 2018

Bob Webb,
Washoe County Community Services
Planning and Development Division
PO Box 11130
Reno, NV 89520-0027

RE: May 26, 2018 Lantern Festival Agency Position

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for forwarding the request for use of an open flame device for the above subject Lantern Festival as presented in your email dated March 28, 2018. Upon review of the presented information, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is NOT able to approve the use of an open flame device as described.

The 2012 International Fire Code, Chapter 3 section 308 does not permit an uncontrolled release of flaming material. Even Ceremonies where hand held candles are used; the candles are not permitted to be passed from one person to another while lighted (308.1.7).

I am open to reviewing other options for the support of the event. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 775-326-6005(desk) or 775-313-1592(cell) should you have any further questions or submittals.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Beaver, PE
Deputy Fire Chief
Fire Prevention

Webb, Bob

From: Beaver, Lisa
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 7:36 AM
To: Spencer Humiston
Cc: bchambers@dps.state.nv.us; Webb, Bob; Moore, Charles; Gorgon, Scott
Subject: Lantern Festival

Importance: High

Good morning Spencer,

As you know I have been evaluating the proposed Lantern Festival at the Wild West Motor Sports site. As originally proposed, the event is planned to have approximately 5,000 to 9,000 participants. On March 29th I issued a letter indicating that I am unable to approve the event. Since that letter we have met at the site with operations staff and the event staff, reviewed documentation of other festivals and toured the adjoining site.

As a result of this further review and a review of the IFC again along with discussions with other jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal, I wish to inform you that the original letter stands, the event as proposed will not be approved. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) issued a notice that ceased open burning effective Sunday April 22 at 1500 hours due to the increased risk of fire.

In support of this decision a review of the 2012 International Fire Code Section 308.1.2, "No person shall throw or place or cause to be thrown or placed, a lighted match ... or other flaming or glowing substance or object on any surface or article where it can cause an unwanted fire.". With this being said, TMFPD would support an event that would not introduce an open flame or a release of fire.

Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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