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CNFA recommended bylaw characteristics

CNFA recommends a bylaw to the City of Calgary with the following characteristics:

- Allow for year round sales from reputable retailers. Retailers to apply for a permit to sell, approved by the city, with a fee attached
- Require retailers to complete a CNFA vendor training course before their license is approved.
- Similar to the Toronto model; allow for two holidays, Victoria Day and Canada Day, for the public to use consumer fireworks without a permit to discharge (called “open dates”).
- Times outside of “open dates” will require a permit to discharge within the city from the fire department.
- The days that are not “open date”, which would require a permit from the City, should be streamlined, standardized, easy to administer at point of sale, (i.e. online through the city website), and provide educational materials in order for it to be effective.
- The permit is to be administered by Fire Services.
- Recommendation to review this process in three years and evaluate if anything needs to be changed i.e. opening other dates or changing the open dates.

The CNFA believes that, through this framework, the City of Calgary will be aligned with other cities across the country that regulate consumer fireworks. This system incorporates recommendations provided by the province and is restrictive in nature, yet enforceable. At your request, the CNFA can participate in education for retailers and the public on proper sale, purchase and use of consumer fireworks which we have found through experience, is the best way to keep communities safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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