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Date: April 23, 2021

To: Hudson residents adjacent to the American Fireworks Facility (within 300 feet)

From: Greg Hannan, Community Development Director

CC: Mayor Shubert and City Council

Re: American Fireworks, 7041 Darrow Road

City staff is contacting you to provide an update from February's neighborhood meeting conducted with residents, American Fireworks, Mayor Shubert, City Council representatives and City Staff regarding the American Fireworks operation. During the neighborhood meeting there was discussion regarding the consideration to initiate a Land Development Code ("LDC") amendment which could result in classifying the American Fireworks operation as a conditionally permitted use (as opposed to its current status as a legal nonconforming use) as well as discussion regarding establishing enhanced site developmental standards concerning the American Fireworks operation through the implementation of conditional use standards.

As an update, American Fireworks has submitted a request asking City Council to consider initiating a LDC amendment that would classify American Fireworks operations as a conditional use. It is anticipated that City Council will review American Firework's request at the upcoming May 4, 2021 Council session. At the May 4<sup>th</sup> session, Council will have the option to direct City Staff to prepare legislation to formally initiate a LDC amendment consistent with American Firework's request. If Council so chooses to initiate a LDC amendment, then the process would proceed as follows: (1) City Staff would prepare legislation; (2) the legislation proposing the LDC amendment would be sent to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to Council (including holding a public hearing to receive testimony from residents and American Fireworks and other interested parties); and (3) upon receipt of Planning Commission's recommendation, City Council would conduct another public hearing to receive testimony from interested parties, and then formally take action on the proposed LDC amendment.

As always, City Staff will continue to keep residents updated on this matter. Please note that all property owners within 300 feet of the American Fireworks facility will receive written notice of any scheduled Planning Commission meeting. Please contact Community Development Director Greg Hannan at [ghannan@hudson.oh.us](mailto:ghannan@hudson.oh.us) or (330) 342-1881 regarding any questions you may have or for additional assistance.