



Application for Fireworks Permit

Johnson County Board of Supervisors Office
855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240
Phone: 319-356-6000
Email: applications@johnsoncountyiowa.gov
Website: www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/fireworks

Completed applications should be submitted to the Board of Supervisors Office at least 21 days before the display.

Applicant information

Name: J & M Displays Inc.	Email: nina@jandmdisplays.com
Address: 18064 170 Ave	City: Varmouth
Phone number: 319-394-2670	Contact person: Nina Covert

Display information

Select type of fireworks display (See Johnson County Ordinance No. 10-24-24-01 for definitions.):

<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer fireworks (Class C, 1.4G) No person shall use or discharge Consumer Fireworks in unincorporated Johnson County without a permit, except on the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 3 through July 5 between 9:00am and 11:00pm;• December 31 between 7:00pm and 11:59pm; and• January 1 between 12:00am and 12:30am	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display fireworks (Class B, 1.3G) No person shall use or discharge Display Fireworks in unincorporated Johnson County without a permit
Date of fireworks display*: May 30, 2025	Delay date of fireworks display:
Start time of fireworks display: 9:00pm	End time of fireworks display: 9:10pm
<p>*It is recommended that applicants notify their local fire department and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office prior to the date of the display.</p> <p>*In the event a burn ban is issued for Johnson County by the State Fire Marshall or other appropriate authority, all permits granted shall be automatically suspended until such time as the burn ban is lifted.</p>	
Location of fireworks display Walker Home stead	
Physical address of display: 3867 James Ave SW	City: Iowa City
PIV parcel number: 41.65224° -91.659679° Parcel # 1116176001	
Refer to Johnson County's Property Information Viewer (PIV) at https://gis.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/piv/ to obtain a location map and parcel number.	

Drawing of the display site

☐ Attach a map/drawing, which should include:

1. Discharge site
2. Fallout area
3. Locations and distances (in feet) from:
 - a. Spectators
 - b. Parking
 - c. Structures (include both occupied and unoccupied structures including but not limited to towers, substations, solar arrays, and agricultural buildings)
 - d. Public roads and rights-of-way (e.g., trails, sidewalks, and other areas where the public may congregate)
 - e. Private roads and rights-of-way (e.g., trails, sidewalks, and other areas where the public may congregate)
 - f. Hazardous Materials (e.g., private propane tanks, above-ground pipelines and above-ground fuel tanks)

5:2.5a. Separation distances requirements for Fireworks Display. The discharge site of all fireworks displays shall be separated from spectator viewing areas, parking areas, and any structures by a minimum of 140 feet or 70 feet per inch of mortar diameter, whichever is greater, as indicated in the following table.

5:2.5b. Minimum Fallout Area for Fireworks Display. The minimum fallout area diameter of all firework displays shall be 200 feet or 100 feet per inch of mortar diameter, whichever is greater, as indicated in the following table.

Mortar Diameter	Separation distance of discharge site from spectator viewing areas, parking areas, public and private rights-of-way, hazardous materials sites, and any structures	Minimum fallout area diameter may not contain any spectator viewing areas, parking areas, public or private rights-of-way, hazardous materials sites, or structures
less than or equal to 2.5 inches	140 feet	200 feet
Greater than 2.5 - 3 inches	210 feet	300 feet
4 inches	280 feet	400 feet
5 inches	350 feet	500 feet
6 inches	420 feet	600 feet
7 inches	490 feet	700 feet
8 inches	560 feet	800 feet
9 inches	630 feet	900 feet
10 inches	700 feet	1000 feet
11 inches	770 feet	1100 feet
12 inches	840 feet	1200 feet
Greater than 12 inches	To be determined by Board of Supervisors	To be determined by Board of Supervisors

Insurance

<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a signed Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of the County
<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of workers' compensation insurance, where appropriate
<input type="checkbox"/> Class B display fireworks: Attach a bond or proof of insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Class C consumer fireworks: Attach proof of insurance

Operator information

Operator is defined as a person trained in fireworks safety who will set up and explode the fireworks and has at least completed the applicable American Fireworks Association (AFA) or the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) training, education, and testing programs and requirements. An operator may be a person who is apprenticing or is training to become certified.

Name: Reese Thornburg	Email: rthornburg@jandmdisplays.com
Address: 18064 170th Ave	City: Yarmouth
Phone number: 319-350-9893	Operator is 21 years of age or older? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Explanation of operator's proficiency, training, and experience (attach page if applicable): Reese has been employed with J&M since May of 2018 and is one of our main techs for our Iowa Hawkeye games (Basketball/Football)	
Detailed description of intended fireworks display to include amount and type of fireworks, shell and mortar size, and any special considerations (attach page if applicable): Please see attached.	

Certification

Any applicant requesting a permit for a display of Class B display fireworks shall have an operator who possesses a current and valid ATF permit as set forth by the Safe Explosives Act and is certified by the American Fireworks Association (AFA) or the Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. (PGI). Any applicant requesting a permit for a display of Class C consumer fireworks shall have an operator who is certified by the AFA or PGI.

<input type="checkbox"/> Attach copy of AFA certification number:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach copy of current ^{APA} PGI card/certificate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach copy of ATF permit number:
Specify other basis of proficiency:

Signature and Permit Fee

☒ Application fee amount: \$40.00 (cash or check payable to the Johnson County Treasurer)

I hereby affirm that I have read Johnson County Ordinance No. 10-24-24-01 governing issuance of fireworks permits; that I understand the ordinance's terms; and that I will conduct myself according to its terms, the conditions of this permit, and the laws of the State of Iowa.

Further, as the applicant or as a duly authorized representative of the applicant on its behalf, I hereby agree to protect, defend, and hold Johnson County, and its employees and officers, harmless from any and all damages, expenses, claims, or any other liabilities that may arise or accrue by reason of the granting of this permit or the activities authorized hereunder.

Nina Covatta

Signature of applicant or operator

4/24/2025

Date

For office use only

Date complete application received: _____

rec'd 4/30/25

☐ Yes, application is complete

☒ No, application is not complete due to: _____

* Operator needs either AFA or PGI certification attached
* Everything else in order

Application fee of \$40 received (cash or check): ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date targeted for Board discussion: 5/28 work session Date targeted for Board consideration: 5/29 formal meeting

Approved by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors:

Chairperson signature

Date of approval

Zimmerman Wedding

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Legend

Walker Homestead Farm and Winery

See next page for map descriptions

Walker Homestead Farm and Winery

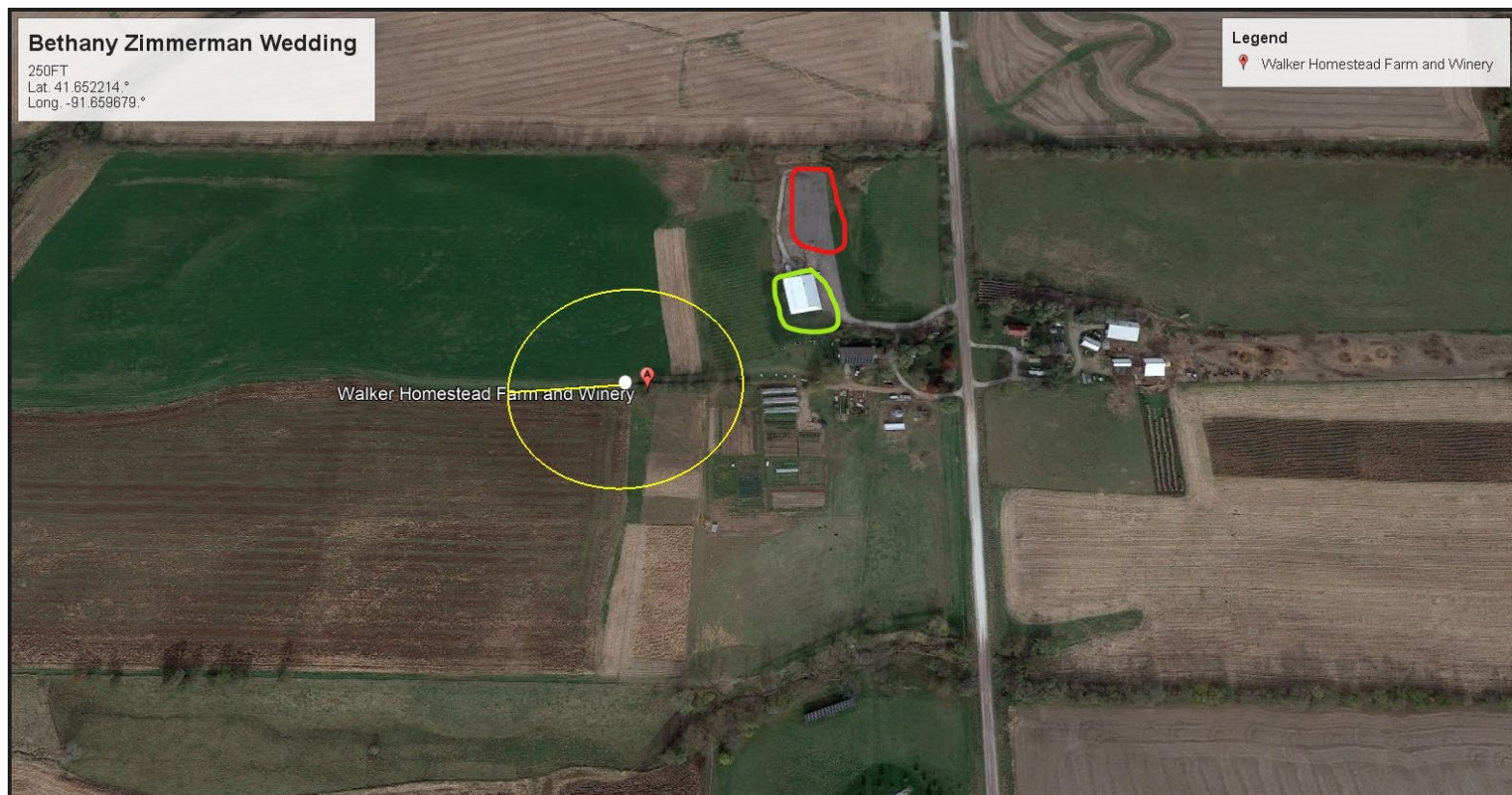
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From: Nina Covert <nina@jandmdisplays.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:00 PM

Subject: Re: Application for Fireworks Permit - 5/30/25 at 3867 James Ave. SW, Iowa City - need labeled map

- See my comments in red below for outstanding items on the map.
 1. Discharge site - **white dot in the middle of the yellow circle is where we will be set up.**
 2. Fallout area - **this is the yellow circle which is 250ft**
 3. Locations and distances (in feet) from:
 - a. Spectators - **340ft from location (green circle)**
 - b. Parking - **450ft from location (red circle)**
 - c. Structures (include both occupied and unoccupied structures including but not limited to towers, substations, solar arrays, and agricultural buildings) - **350ft from closest building**
 - d. Public roads and rights-of-way (e.g., trails, sidewalks, and other areas where the public may congregate) **N/A**
 - e. Private roads and rights-of-way (e.g., trails, sidewalks, and other areas where the public may congregate) **N/A**
 - f. Hazardous Materials (e.g., private propane tanks, above-ground pipelines and above-ground fuel tanks) **N/A**



Bethany Zimmerman Wedding

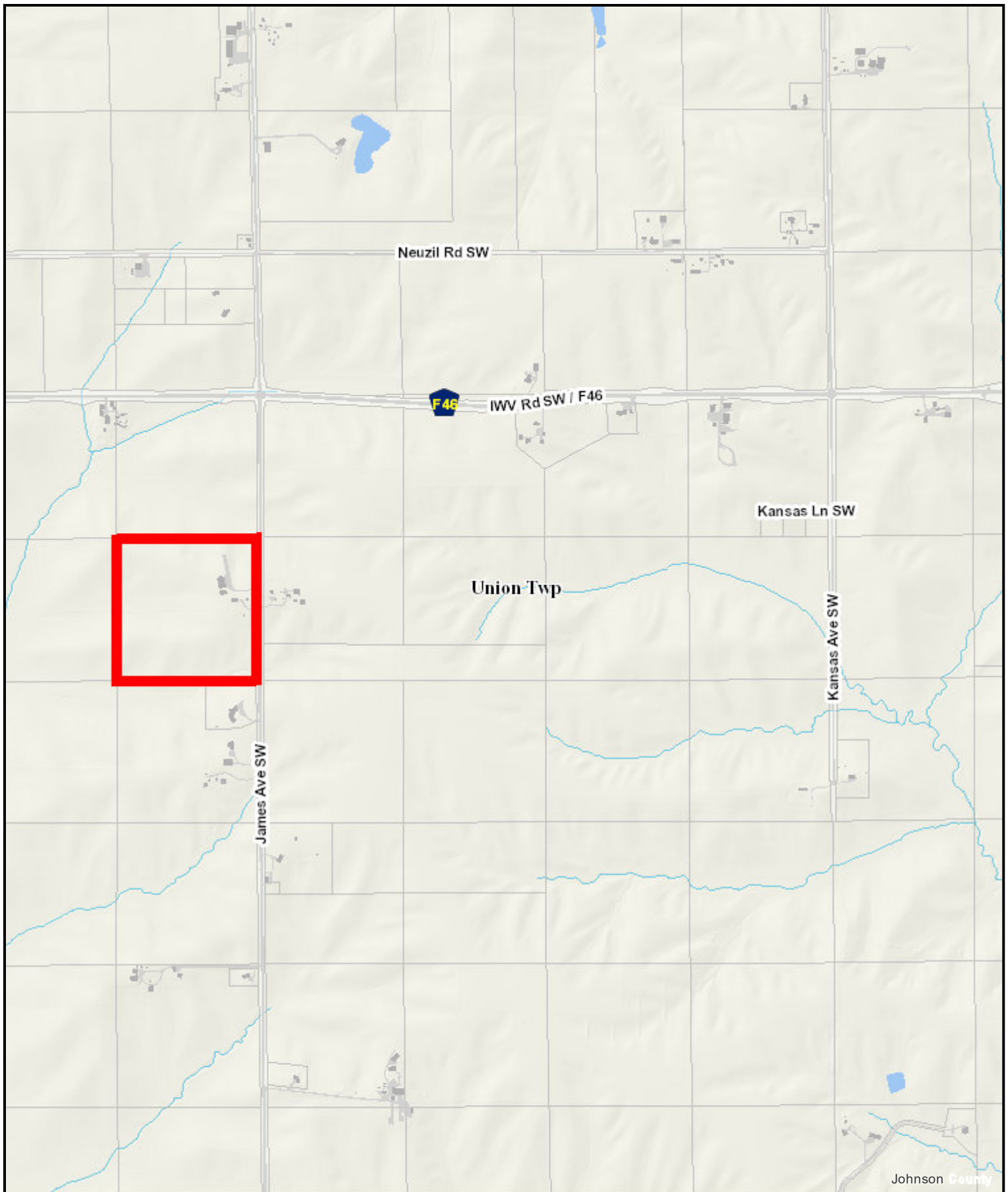
250FT

Lat. 41.652214.°

Long. -91.659679.°

Walker Homestead Farm and Winery

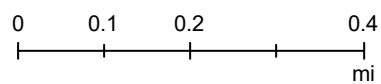
Google Earth



Johnson County GIS
Web Printing

My Map

Printed: 6/6/2022



1 inch = 1,172 feet

Parcel #1116176001, 3867 James Avenue SW, Iowa City



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