



Chapel Hill Fire Department

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Application for Pyrotechnic Display

Instructions: Application must be made in writing, any fee paid and a site inspection completed prior to issuance of a permit. The completed application, stamped paid from the Town Revenue office must be returned to the Fire Marshal's office before a site inspection will be scheduled (the Revenue office will provide a copy of the receipt.) It is the applicant's responsibility to make contact with the Fire Marshal's office to schedule a site inspection (contact numbers and liability statement appear on rear of page). A Fire Department representative will make a site inspection before approving the permit request. The permit will only be issued following the satisfactory completion of all requirements herein.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Site Location: _____ Date of display: _____

General Requirements

The operator or permit holder must provide all required information and/or certify the following statements are true and correct.

- Submit a complete list of the types and sizes of pyrotechnic devices to be used.
- Submit a site plan that details required separation distances from spectators, buildings and other hazard areas. At a minimum the site plan must include: the discharge site, including size and placement of mortars; fallout zone; placement of ground displays; location of spectators and crowd control lines.
- Applicant has a working knowledge of and will comply with NFPA 1123 (Standard for outdoor displays.), or NFPA 1126 (Standard for indoor and close proximity displays), as is applicable for the specific event.
- Show proof of a minimum \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage.
- Abide by all local, state, and federal regulations governing the storage, use, and transport of fireworks.
- No person shall be allowed in the discharge area while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, medication, or other substance that could impair judgment, mobility, or stability.
- Operator/applicant may not be less than 21 years of age.
- Operator/applicant must be licensed as a pyrotechnic operator.
- All assistants are at least 18 years of age.

No permit will be issued to any applicant who fails to provide all required information or satisfy all requirements set forth during site inspection. The violation of any law or regulation governing the storage, use or transport of fireworks materials, or proof that false information was provided or a misrepresentation was made to obtain the permit by the applicant or permit holder will result in immediate revocation of the permit. Additionally, if at any time a fireworks display creates or is in danger of creating or causing a hazardous condition, the display will be halted or cancelled until the hazardous condition passes or is corrected.

No Liability Assumed by Town of Chapel Hill

Issuance of permits and the establishment of standards and qualifications under this Policy are not intended to establish any special duty or relationship between the Town and the owners of property or other persons in the vicinity of any fireworks display. Parties responsible for the conduct of any fireworks display retain any liability they may have for injury or damages to said persons and property and no liability shall, by the issuance of this permit, be transferred to the Town or any of its employees or agents.

Permit and Fee in Addition to Other Fees and Regulations

This permit and fee are in addition to any other permits and fees required by State Law and Local Ordinance, including any applicable requirements for permits contained in Chapter 14, Article 54, of the North Carolina General Statute.

Other Fees Related to Fireworks Displays

The Chapel Hill Fire Department requires fire department personnel, including all required apparatus and related equipment, to be present for any/all fireworks displays in order to provide fire and safety protection. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that fire protection is in place for any pyrotechnic display that takes place within the jurisdiction of Chapel Hill. An operator or applicant for a fireworks display has two choices regarding required fire protection:

1. To ensure fire department coverage including the required staffing, apparatus, and equipment to make certain the display takes place at the designated time/date; the department will hire back necessary personnel and provide apparatus/equipment needed. The applicant/operator/responsible party agrees to reimburse the Town of Chapel Hill for all costs associated with the provision of personnel and equipment. All personnel are reimbursed at 1½ times the normal salary rate; apparatus and equipment charges are based on an established hourly rate which is updated annually.
2. You may request on-duty fire department coverage for your event; however, if you select this option, you must understand that any on-duty personnel and apparatus assigned to provide fire protection for a fireworks display have emergency response as their primary duty. If there is an incident in the Town that requires the on-duty personnel and apparatus, we will not be able to provide the required protection and your fireworks display cannot take place without it.

The fire department may, at its discretion, require the hiring back of off-duty personnel for a fireworks display, either due to on-duty staffing shortages or the timing of an event. You will be required to reimburse the Town for all costs related to fire protection for your event.

Signature of Permit Holder/Authorized Agent

Date

Permit Fee \$300 Account # 1004646320 PYRO

Fees must be paid at the Finance office located on the ground floor of Chapel Hill Town Hall which is located at 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (behind the Fire Department). Fire department personnel will not accept payment for permits.

Date Paid: _____

Receipt #: _____