



# CONCORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## *Fire Prevention Division*

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Telephone 704-920-5517 • Fax 704-920-6936

### FIREWORKS SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**ALL PROVISIONS OF THE 2018 NORTH CAROLINA FIRE CODE, CHAPTER 56, NORTH CAROLINA GS 14-414 AND NFPA 1123, 1124 & 1126 SHALL BE MET AND ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.**

#### GENERAL

1. Submit a Permit Application at least 30 days in advance of the pyrotechnic display. A permit shall be required for the storage, display and use of any fireworks.
2. Proper identification and licenses shall be displayed to the Fire Prevention Division prior to the issuance of a permit. The Lead Pyrotechnic Operator shall have a "shooters certified" certificate from the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) or show equivalent training and experience. All non-PGI certifications shall be reviewed for approval by the Fire Prevention Division. A Resume is required for Lead pyrotechnicians. An approved Shooter/Operator shall be designated as the responsible party and shall be required to be on site at all times.
3. A \$300.00 (per site/event) permit fee is required to be submitted with permit application to the Concord Fire Prevention Division made payable to the City of Concord.
4. A bond or certificate of insurance shall be furnished for the amount deemed adequate as determined by the Division Chief. The minimum liability required by the City is one million dollars (must be claims occurred general liability coverage.) "The City of Concord, NC, and its employees are named as additional insured" shall be specifically indicated on the certificate. An original certificate of insurance with the **original penned signature** of the agent writing the certificate is required (Stamped signatures are not accepted).
5. A Site map of the fireworks display is to be included which details the firing site and device layout, the locations of spectators, the firing site, the fallout perimeter, and fireworks storage area.
6. A complete list of all pyrotechnic devices to be displayed. Displays before a proximate audience require the submittal of device and effect descriptions. A Site Safety Plan including emergency procedures, PPE utilized by personnel, evacuation/help needed signal and any other pertinent information shall be submitted at the time of permit issuance.
7. The company performing the launching operations shall be responsible for any and all damages that may result from the operations.
8. Any fireworks that remain unfired after the display shall be immediately disposed of in away safe for the particular type of fireworks remaining.
9. The Division Chief shall seize, take, remove or cause to be remove at the expense of the owner all stocks of fireworks offered or exposed for sale, stored, or held in violation of Chapter 56 of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code or General Statute 14-414.
10. The fire official shall have the final decision as to the fallout area and safety perimeter. The decision to conduct or postpone the show shall be at the discretion of the Fire Official.

11. Call (704) 920-5535, email [ryerson@concordnc.gov](mailto:ryerson@concordnc.gov), of fax (704) 920-6936 with questions regarding these regulations.

## INDOOR REQUIREMENTS

1. A permit shall be required for the firing of any fireworks inside of a building or structure.
2. No permit shall be transferred to another structure. If the show is moved to another location a new permit shall be issued.
3. No permit shall be issued until the Bureau Chief or his designee prior to the first show approves the show setup.
4. No permit shall be issued unless the building listed as the location of the display has had a current fire inspection and is in compliance with the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.
5. The location of the fireworks display shall be specified as to street address, building designation and exact area within the building to assure the proposed display can be safely discharged as approved.
6. At no time shall the amount of explosive compound inside the building listed on the permit exceed the amount necessary for one show date consumption.

## SALES OF FIREWORKS INDOOR/OUTDOOR

- (a) **The fireworks allowed by law ARE classified as a Class C "safe & sane" firework product.** A few examples of this Class include: smoke bombs, sparklers, ash snakes, string poppers, and spark "fountains". A general rule to follow in determining if product is legal or illegal is if it "flies or projects", it is not legal.
- (b) Fireworks of any other classification within the city limits are hereby declared to be contraband and subject to seizure by any member of the Fire Prevention Division of the fire department or a law enforcement officer unless possessed by a permittee for a public display of fireworks as permitted by the state fire prevention code.
- (c) Any person who shall violate the **State law references** – Regulation of explosives, G.S. 160A-183; pyrotechnics, G.S. 14-410 et. seq. or provisions of subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprisonment up to 30 days or a fine of \$500.00, or both. Violators may be subject to a \$500.00 civil penalty to be recovered in the nature of a debt.

**THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION MAY REQUIRE STANDBY FIREFIGHTERS OR EQUIPMENT DURING ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE FUNCTIONS. ALL REQUIRED FEES SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FUNCTIONS.**

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2. All requirements of the "Fireworks Special Use Permit" document must be met. Furthermore, all provisions of the 2018 North Carolina Fire Code, Chapter 56, North Carolina GS 14-414 and NFPA 1123, 1124 & 1126 and shall be met and adhered to at all times.
3. Inventory list of products to be fired. Pyrotechnics must be all electrical, if not, other means must be approved prior to production.
4. Operational Permit, Certificate of Liability, & Site Inspection Form (showing distances).
4. Additionally, a **\$300.00** permit fee is required to be submitted and payable to City of Concord.
5. Mail submittal to:   
Concord Fire Prevention Division  
Attn: Fire Prevention Division Chief  
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Concord, NC 28027
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Date and Time of Display: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SITE INFORMATION

Name	_____	Property Owners Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
Telephone Number	_____	Telephone Number	_____
Fallout Perimeter Designed By	_____	Maintained By	_____

#### PYROTECHNICS COMPANY

Name	_____	Contact Person (onsite)	_____
Address	_____	Mobile # (onsite)	_____
Number of Personnel to be on-site	_____	Lead Pyro Operator	_____
Support Personnel	_____	Support Personnel	_____
Support Personnel	_____	Support Personnel	_____

**I, the undersigned do hereby agree to comply with IFC Chapter 56, all Local, State, and Federal Laws.**

_____	Signature of Applicant	_____
Name of Applicant (type or print)	Date	_____

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