

## LETTER TO FIREWORKS, PYROTECHNICS AND FLAME EFFECTS EXHIBITION PERMIT APPLICANTS

### Approval of your application is contingent upon the following stipulations and conditions:

1. The application for the permit is submitted at least five (5) days in advance of the event (OFC, NFPA).
2. The applicant submits a plan that includes the following documents (OFC, NFPA)
  - A listing of each device being used. For fireworks, specify the class with the number of set pieces and shells (specify single or multiple break) including experimental rockets or missiles. For flame effects list the amount and type of fuel being used and how it is stored.
  - Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each type of device to be used.
  - Certifications that the set, scenery and rigging materials are treated with appropriate flame retardant.
  - A diagram of the event site that shows each device location, the fallout radius for each device and the audience restraint lines. Outdoor exhibitions must also include locations of all buildings, highways, railroads or other inhabited structures within 1000 feet of the discharge and potential landing site.
  - A copy of the exhibitor's valid license issued by the Ohio State Fire Marshall.
  - A signed completed copy of the "Fireworks and/or Pyrotechnics/Flame Permit Application."
  - A letter showing the amount of explosives being shipped (in pounds).
3. Evidence that the permit holder and/or the company actually operating the pyrotechnics have liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000. The clause "additional insured: The City of Columbus, Ohio and its employees, agents and servants" must be included in that document (CCC 2532.06, 2533.08).
4. Before a permit is approved, a representative demonstration of the pyrotechnic special effects shall be given to the satisfaction of the fire official. The demonstration shall be scheduled with enough time allowed to reset/reload the effects before the arrival of the audience (CCC 2532.05).
5. At the time of application, the permit applicant must pay a Fire Prevention inspection fee of \$125 for a Pyrotechnic/Flame Effects permit or \$200 for fireworks permit (CCC 2502.0599, 2502.06).
6. An inspection fee will be charged, any time the permit applicant schedules the required demonstration and/or an exhibition outside of the Fire Prevention Bureau's normal business hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. When the inspection is not contiguous with the Inspector's normal shift, a four (4) hour minimum will be charged per current contract and benefits.

Approval of your application will begin only upon receipt of the completed application package, payment of fees and a satisfactory demonstration. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to Fireworks and Pyrotechnics/Flame Effects Coordinator 614-645-7641 ext. 75605 or 75620.



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**FIREWORKS AND/OR PYROTECHNICS/FLAME PERMIT APPLICATION**

Event Title/Site \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibition Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Demo Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibition Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fireworks/Pyrotechnics supplied by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio Manufacturer/Wholesaler/Out-of-State Shipper ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Supplier Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio Exhibitor ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance/Bonding Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Indemnity Bond/Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

The information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the stipulations and constraints outlined in the "Letter to Fireworks, Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects Exhibition Permit Applicants." I also acknowledge that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of the person or organization making application (Permit Holder).

After a permit has been granted, I agree to keep the approved plans(s) available for review at the site and that any deviation from the approved plan shall require prior approval of the certified Fire Inspector. I understand that any omissions or error on the approved plans does not relieve the permit holder of complying with all applicable requirements of this code.

I understand that the permit holder shall be held strictly responsible for any damage to persons and/or properties resulting from the fireworks and/or pyrotechnic special effects so used. I also understand that the permit is not transferable or assignable and that the site must be cleared of any and all unexploded or partial fireworks, pyrotechnics or special effect devices immediately after the permitted exhibition.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications may be mailed or brought to: City of Columbus, Division of Fire, Fire Prevention Bureau  
Attention: Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Coordinator  
3639 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Applications may be faxed: Attention: Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Coordinator  
(614) 645-4245

Make check or money order payable to: Columbus City Treasurer/Fire  
Indicate on your check, the date and location of your exhibition.

