

FIRE PREVENTION/INSPECTION
CODE/FIREWORKS/OPEN BURNING

FIREWORKS REQUIREMENTS

Letter of Intent to Display Fireworks

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3743 and Ohio Fire Code Section FM-3107.7, a person or organization wanting to conduct a fireworks exhibition must have a state licensed exhibitor submit the following information to the Fire District at least 14 days prior to the planned exhibition:

1. The name of the organization sponsoring the display together with the names of person actually in charge of the display.
2. The date and time of day when the display is to be held.
3. The exact location planned for the display.
4. The name and license number of the fireworks exhibitor who is to supervise the discharge of fireworks and of all personnel assisting within the discharge perimeter.
5. The class of fireworks to be discharged with the number of set pieces, and shells (specify single- or multiple-break), including experimental rockets or missiles.
6. The time-table of operations, including the expected fireworks delivery date, the time the delivery vehicle will arrive in the District, the time of set up, and time of live load.
7. The manner and place of storage of the fireworks prior to and during the display.
8. A diagram of the grounds on which the display is to be held, showing the point at which the fireworks are to be discharged, the location of all buildings, highways, railroads, or other inhabited structures within one thousand feet of the discharge and potential landing site. The diagram shall also show the line barriers behind which the audience will be restrained.
9. The method by which the fireworks will be fired (manually or electronically remote).
10. Verification that notice of the date and time of the display has been given to the FAA. Notice should be mailed to the FAA at:

 FAA Air Traffic Control Tower
 Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport
 3976 Kings-Graves Road
 Vienna, Ohio 44473-5003
11. Proof that satisfactory liability insurance is carried for all employees of the of the applicant.
12. Proof of insurance with minimum amount of \$1,000,000 coverage.

13. A copy of each exhibitor's license and assistant's registration for all individuals proposed to operate within the discharge perimeter.
14. The name and license number of the fireworks manufacturer or wholesaler who supplied all items in the fireworks exhibition.
15. A statement that only materials listed and approved by the Bureau of Explosives will be used.
16. A statement attesting to the understanding of all rules and regulations governing public fireworks displays and that this display will be in accordance with these rules and regulations.

The licensed exhibitor shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions under which the fireworks exhibition permit was granted.

The licensed exhibitor shall send a copy of the issued permit to the fire marshal within five days of the date of the fireworks exhibition.

Permit Denial and Revocation

The local fire official and law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction may deny or revoke an exhibition permit for any of the following:

1. The applicant/exhibitor does not possess a valid exhibitor's license issued by the fire marshal.
2. The site on which the exhibition is to take place does not conform to the applicable rules.
3. The applicant has failed to pay the permit fee or provide the required information.
4. The applicant has failed to provide the required indemnity bond or proof of insurance.
5. The exhibitor has failed to postpone an exhibition when so ordered due to unsafe conditions or operations, inclement weather, wind conditions, unsafe spectator conditions, or any other condition in violation of this rule.
6. The exhibitor has failed to store the fireworks in a safe manner or is firing the exhibition in an unsafe manner.

Ceasing Operations

When the exhibition permit has been revoked, the exhibitor shall cease firing of the exhibition immediately. The exhibitor may reapply for a new permit for the exhibition when the fire official and law enforcement officer are satisfied that all rules, conditions, and operations are safe or have been complied with.

Safety Requirements

All public fireworks exhibitions shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

1. *Mortars:* All mortars used in a fireworks exhibition that are greater than or equal to eight inches in diameter shall be equipped with electronic ignition equipment in accordance with NFPA 1123 listed in Rule 1301:7-44 of the Ohio Administrative Code. All mortar racks shall be securely positioned in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 1123. The methods used to securely position the mortar rack shall not include the use of plastic ties or any material that may easily break, dislodge, or otherwise permit the repositioning of the mortar rack.
2. *Discharge Area:* Only fire officials, licensed fireworks exhibitors, or person who are employees of licensed exhibitors of fireworks and who are registered with the fire marshal under section 3743.56 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be permitted within the discharge perimeter of an exhibition. All licensed exhibitors shall carry their exhibitors license at all time within any discharge perimeter and shall make it available to any fire or law enforcement officer upon request. Each licensed exhibitor shall display prominently upon their person any visible identification required by the code official at all times when within the discharge perimeter.
3. *Assistants:* No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall permit an employee to assist the licensed exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions unless the employee is registered with the fire marshal under Section 3743.56 of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. *Inspection:* An inspection of all affected premises shall be conducted prior to issuance of a permit and immediately following a fireworks exhibition. If an exhibition is conducted at night, an inspection shall also be conducted at sunrise the following morning.
5. *Fire Official:* A certified fire safety inspector, fire chief, or fire prevention officer will be present before, during, and after the exhibition.

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