



Watauga County Emergency Services

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Fire Marshal ♦ Emergency Management ♦ Communications



Fireworks Display Event Permit

Permit No. _____

Fireworks special use permit requirements all provisions of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 56, the North Carolina GS 14-414, and the National Fire Protection Association 1123, 1124, and 1126 shall be met and adhered to at all times.

Function/Event: _____ Date: _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
Contact Email: _____
Street Address/Location of Event: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Event Sponsor: _____
Date of Event: _____ Estimated attendance: _____
Approx. Start Time: _____ Approx. End Time: _____

Pyrotechnic Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Operator Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
Contact Email: _____

A bond or certificate of insurance shall be furnished for the amount of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand). An original certificate of insurance with the original penned signature of the agent writing the certificate is required.

Valid NCOSFM Pyrotechnics Operators Permit Number: (Provide Copy) _____
Valid NCOSFM Pyrotechnics Operators Assistant Permit Number: (Provide Copy) _____
Largest Diameter of Mortar: _____ Total number of Mortar Rounds: _____
Type of Display: ☐ Standard Pyrotechnics ☐ Proximate Audience Pyrotechnics ☐ Other
Fire Procedure: ☐ Hand ☐ Electrical ☐ Other
Details: (If Other) _____

Permit Fee: \$25 (+ \$50 After Hours fee if Applicable)

Payment Method: ☐ Website ☐ Check (Payable to "Watauga County Emergency Services")

Payment Must accompany permit application. Application will not be processed till payment is received.

Application must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the display.

Return application and supporting documents to:

FireInspections@watgov.org or

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Per the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, Section 5608.2, PRIOR to issuing permits for a fireworks display, plans for the fireworks display, and inspections of the display site and demonstrations of the display operations shall be approved. A plan establishing procedures to follow and actions to be taken in the event that a shell fails to ignite in, or discharge from, a mortar or fails to function over the fallout area or other malfunctions shall be provided to the fire code official.

CONDITION OF FIREWORKS OUTDOOR DISPLAY EVENT PERMIT

1. A Fireworks Display Event Permit shall be made at least 14 days in advance of the pyrotechnic display.
2. A \$25.00 (plus \$50 after hours fee) (per site/event) permit fee is required at the time of submittal of the application to Watauga County Emergency Service's Office. Make Checks payable to "Watauga County Emergency Services".
3. Return to: FireInspections@watgov.org or Watauga County Emergency Services, 184 Hodges Gap Rd Bx D, Boone NC, 28607
4. Proper identification and licenses shall be provided to the Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office prior to the issuance of a permit. The Lead Pyrotechnic Operator shall have an "Outdoor/Indoor Pyrotechnic Display Operators license from the North Carolina Department of Insurance – Office of the State Fire Marshal. The approved Licensed Operator shall be designated as the responsible party and shall be required to be on site at all times.
5. A bond or certificate of insurance shall be furnished for the amount of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand). An original certificate of insurance with the original penned signature of the agent writing the certificate is required (stamped signatures are not accepted).
6. A site map of the fireworks display is to be submitted with permit application including details of the firing site and device layout, the locations of spectators, the fallout perimeter, and fireworks storage area.
7. Provide a complete list of all pyrotechnic devices to be displayed. Displays for a proximate audience require the submittal of device and effect descriptions. A Site Safety Plan including emergency procedures, personal protective clothing (PPE) utilized by personnel, evacuation/help needed signal and any other pertinent information shall be submitted with permit application.
8. The company performing the launching operations shall be responsible for any and all damages that may result from the operations.
9. Any fireworks remaining unfired after the display shall be immediately disposed of in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks remaining.
10. The Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office 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 Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office and/or the qualified display operator.
11. The Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office representative shall conduct a site application and pre and post display safety site inspection.

CONDITION OF FIREWORKS INDOOR DISPLAY EVENT PERMIT

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 is required.
3. No permit shall be issued until the Watauga County Fire Marshal's Office approves the show setup. This setup may require a pyrotechnic demonstration of the devices used in the event.
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 compounds inside the building listed on the permit exceed the amount necessary for one show date consumption.