



**HICKORY FIRE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY**

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SPECIAL OPERATIONAL USE PERMIT
FIREWORK/PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY APPLICATION



Submittal Date: _____ Date Requested for Display: _____

Pyrotechnic Company: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address of Display Site: _____

Types of Display (s): Standard Pyrotechnics Proximate Audience Pyrotechnics

Internal Diameter of Largest Mortar: _____ Total Number of Mortar Rounds: _____

Firing Procedure: _____

Approximate Start Time of Display: _____ Approximate End Time of Display: _____

Name of Pyrotechnic Operator: _____

Valid NCOSFM Pyrotechnic Operators Permit # (provide copy): _____

Number of Assistants: _____ Number of Monitors: _____

Name of Pyrotechnic Assistants: _____

Valid NCOSFM Pyrotechnic Assistants Permit # (provide copy): _____

Event Sponsor/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The submittal of this application acknowledges the understanding of the terms on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant _____

Firework/Pyrotechnic Display

Firework/pyrotechnic displays shall comply with all applicable provisions of the NC State Fire Prevention Code, National Fire Protection Association 1123 and 1126 (when applicable) - Code for Fireworks Display, and all other provisions deemed necessary to ensure a safe display.

A. Permit Requirements

1. A permit is required for firework/pyrotechnic displays. The fireworks company conducting the display shall submit a Special Operational Use Permit-Firework/Pyrotechnic Display Application.
2. The application shall be submitted at least 45 days prior to the display.
3. Additional information that shall be included with the application is the following:
 - Site Plan (The site plan must be scaled or include all critical dimensions. The site plan shall include ground display areas, storage areas, firing locations, spectator areas, parking areas, fallout area as specified in NFPA 1123, and property lines). It does not have to be prepared by a licensed surveyor as long as all pertinent dimensions and information is present.
 - Provisions for crowd control, site security, and fire protection
 - Certificate of Insurance (minimum of \$500,000)
 - Complete list of all pyrotechnics to be displayed
 - Emergency and termination procedures
 - Approval from City of Hickory City Council
 - Provide copy of NCOSFM permits for pyrotechnic operators and pyrotechnic operator assistants
 - Obtain approval for any road closures when applicable
 - Current ATF License or letter for fireworks company
 - Obtain written permission from the owners of the land on which the fireworks shall be discharged and upon any land which debris might reasonably fall.

B. Procedures

1. The fireworks company conducting the display is responsible for obtaining the permit and is responsible for submitting all of the required information at the time of permit application.
2. A Fire Official shall review the applications and may require additional information and safeguards.
3. The pyrotechnic operator shall contact the Hickory Fire Department Division of Fire and Life Safety at least one business day prior to the display in order to schedule an inspection of the site. After the site has been inspected and approved, a permit will be issued at the time of the display

C. Responsibilities of Permit Holder

1. Provide monitors, whose duty shall be the enforcement of crowd control and site security. The monitors shall be located around the display site to prevent spectators or any other unauthorized persons from entering the site. The display site consists of the immediate area where a firework/pyrotechnic display is conducted, including the discharge site, the fallout area, and the required separation distance from mortars to spectator viewing and parking areas. Provisions for crowd control and site security shall include the number and location of monitors, method of monitor identification, and provisions for keeping spectators out of the display site. During the period before the display, where pyrotechnic materials are present, public access to the site is not permitted. Only the pyrotechnic operator and necessary pyrotechnic operator assistants shall be permitted in the discharge area (area immediately surrounding the fireworks mortars) while the display is in progress. The discharge area shall be so restricted throughout the display and until the discharge area has been inspected by the pyrotechnic operator after the display.
2. Shall be responsible for ensuring that a sufficient number of pyrotechnic operator assistants are available for the safe conduct of the firework/pyrotechnic displays. Pyrotechnic operator assistants shall include ready box tenders, shooters, and other persons who work under the direction of the pyrotechnic operator to put on an outdoor firework/pyrotechnic display. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring that the pyrotechnic operator and all pyrotechnic operator assistants are fully trained in their assigned tasks.
3. Pyrotechnic operator shall be aware of the standard for minimally training all pyrotechnic operator assistants through the OSFM. Notify Hickory Fire Department Division of Fire and Life Safety if you plan to utilize onsite event employee(s).
4. The pyrotechnic operator shall conduct a post display inspection and clean-up all waste from fire mortars before leaving premises.
5. Pyrotechnic operator is required to be on site at all times.