



# Application for PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS

**Bureau of Fire Prevention – City of Lincoln**

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LOCATION OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: William Moody, Chief of Lincoln Bureau of Fire Prevention

The undersigned hereby makes application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks before an audience and agrees to comply with the City ordinances and regulations of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and, hereby, declares that all the facts and representations stated in this application are true and correct

**PRINT OR TYPE**

ORGANIZATION SPONSORING DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY	STATE	ZIP
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DATE OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attach a scale drawing locating the display site
- If the property is not owned by the Permittee, provide a copy of authorization to use the property

PERSON IN CHARGE OF FIRING THE DISPLAY:

OPERATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY	STATE	ZIP
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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH DISPLAY FIREWORKS OR CLOSE PROXIMITY PYROTECHNICS & EXPLOSIVES:

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# BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION POLICY

## Public Liability Insurance and Bond Requirements for Pyrotechnic Display & Explosives Permits

Section 5601.2.4, 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code: The Permittee shall furnish a bond or certificate of insurance in the amount deemed adequate by the Chief for payment of damages which could be caused either to a person, persons, or to property by reason of the permitted display and arising from acts of the Permittee, agents, employees, or subcontractors.

### Public Liability of Insurance

The Permittee shall maintain during the life of this contract, Public Liability Insurance, naming the City of Lincoln as an additional Insured against claims for damages resulting from (a) bodily injury, including wrongful death, and (b) property damage which may arise from operations from under this permit whether such operations be by himself/herself or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him/her. The Permittee shall provide a certificate of insurance as evidence of coverage with the permit. The minimum acceptable limits of liability to be provided by such insurance shall be:

**\$2,000,000.00**                      **Combined Single Limit Each Occurrence**

If the Permittee is an employee or subcontractor of the Insured, the certificate of insurance shall extend coverage to its employees or contractors and the Permittee shall provide evidence of its employee or contractual relationship to the Insured when making application for a permit.

Name of Insured \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an employee or subcontractor of the Insured? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the insurance coverage extend to employees or subcontractors of the Insured? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please provide evidence of your employee or contractual relationship by either a letter, on company letterhead, from your employer or contractor indicating that you are an employee or subcontractor covered under their insurance policy or provide a certificate of insurance specifically naming you as an Insured. Please attach said evidence to the application.\*\*\*

### Bond Requirements

When the Chief determines that unusual or exceptional hazard exists, every applicant for a permit for a public display of fireworks shall file with the application, a bond in the sum of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) executed by a bonding company or surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska, or in lieu of such a bond, the application may be accompanied with a certified check payable to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Such bond or surety shall be conditioned that the person to whom such a permit shall be issued shall save and keep the City free and harmless from any and all loss or damages or claims for damages arising out of such public display of fireworks, and for the faithful performance and observance of all the terms, conditions, and requirements for the issuance of the permit for such public display of fireworks.

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY

**1. Location** – A public display of fireworks shall be permitted only when the location at which the fireworks are to be ignited, displayed, or discharged meet the requirements of the table below.

The area selected for the discharge of aerial shells shall be located so that the trajectory of the shells will not come within 25 feet (7.6 meters) of any overhead object, and the potential landing area for spent shells, etc., shall be a large, clear, open area acceptable to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Ground display pieces shall be located at a minimum of 75 feet (22.9 meters) from spectator viewing areas and parking areas.

Additionally, fireworks shall not be discharged within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of any tent or canvas shelter.

Areas of discharge site shall be inspected by the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Spectators, vehicles, or any readily combustible materials shall not be located within the potential landing area during the display.

Distances for Outdoor Fireworks Display Sites									
Minimum Separation Distances Mortars to Spectators for Land or Water Display									
Mortar Size (in)	Mortar Size (mm)	Minimum Secured Diameter of Site <sup>2</sup> (ft)	Minimum Secured Diameter of Site <sup>2</sup> (m)	Vertical Mortars <sup>3</sup> (ft)	Vertical Mortars <sup>3</sup> (m)	Angled Mortars <sup>4</sup> 1/3 offset (ft)	Angled Mortars <sup>4</sup> 1/3 offset (m)	Mortars to Special Hazards <sup>5</sup> (ft)	Mortars to Special Hazards <sup>5</sup> (m)
<3	(<76)	280	(85)	140	(43)	95	(29)	280	(85)
3	(76)	420	(128)	210	(64)	140	(43)	420	(128)
4	(102)	560	(171)	280	(85)	190	(58)	560	(171)
5	(127)	700	(213)	350	(107)	230	(70)	700	(213)
6	(152)	840	(256)	420	(128)	280	(85)	840	(256)
7	(178)	980	(299)	490	(149)	320	(98)	980	(299)
8	(203)	1120	(341)	560	(171)	370	(113)	1120	(341)
10	(254)	1400	(427)	700	(213)	460	(140)	1400	(427)
12	(305)	1680	(512)	840	(256)	560	(171)	1680	(512)

**2. Crowd Control** – The audience at a public display of fireworks shall be restrained behind adequate barriers. Monitors shall be located around the discharge site to prevent spectators or any other unauthorized persons from entering the discharge site. The discharge site shall be so restricted throughout the display and until the discharge site has been inspected after the display. Where practical, fences and rope barriers shall be used to aid in crowd control. If, in the opinion of the Bureau of Fire Prevention or the display operator, lack of crowd control should pose a danger, the display shall be immediately discontinued until such time as the situation is corrected.

**3. Shell Storage** – The shell storage area shall be located in Ready Boxes at minimum distance of not less than 25 feet (7.6 meters) from the discharge site; provided, however, where acceptable to the Bureau of Fire Prevention, alternate protective measures may be used in lieu of the above requirement.

During the display, shells shall be stored upwind from the discharge site. If the wind should shift during the display, the shell storage area shall be relocated so as again to be upwind from the discharge site.

No smoking or open flames shall be allowed in the shell storage area so long as shells are present. Signs to this effect shall be conspicuously posted.

Distance between mortars shall be ½ times the diameter of the mortar.

Weighted objects should be placed upon braces of racks to prevent tipping.

**4. Fire Protection** – The Permittee for the public display of fireworks shall be responsible for providing adequate fire protection for the display, as required by the Bureau of Fire Prevention. The Permittee shall consult with the Bureau of Fire Prevention to determine the level of fire protection adequate for the type of display proposed.

**5. Illumination** – Display operators and assistants shall use only flashlights or electric lighting for artificial illumination.

**6. Shell Failure** – All fireworks display motors and other equipment shall be inspected carefully for any unfired devices. Where conditions allow, firing devices after the display shall be permitted. The remaining fireworks shall be properly packaged and returned to the supplier or disposed of in compliance with applicable regulations.

**7. Inspection Following Display** – The entire firing range shall be inspected immediately following the display for the purpose of locating any defective shells. Any shell found shall be immediately doused with water before handling. The supplier shall then be contacted as soon as possible for proper disposal instructions.

When fireworks are displayed at night, the Permittee shall ensure that the firing range is inspected early the following morning.

**8. Age Requirements** – All operators shall be at least 21 years old. Assistants shall be at least 18 years old.

PERSON(S), IF ANY, ASSISTING THE OPERATOR:

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
NAME	ADDRESS	AGE

WILL ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION BE PROVIDED? \_\_\_\_\_

BY WHOM? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT CROWD CONTROL PROCEDURES WILL BE USED? \_\_\_\_\_

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IF NIGHTTIME DISPLAY, WHAT WILL BE OPERATOR'S SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION? \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT WILL BE THE MANNER & PLACE OF FIREWORKS STORAGE PRIOR TO DISPLAY? \_\_\_\_\_

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FIREWORKS TO BE USED:

KIND: \_\_\_\_\_ QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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KIND: \_\_\_\_\_ QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

HAS THE SITE PLAN SHOWING WHICH DISPLAY IS TO BE MADE BEEN ATTACHED? \_\_\_\_\_

THE REQUIRED BOND FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF THE SURETY COMPANY EXECUTING THE BOND: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF THE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

LIMITS:

BODILY INJURY LIABILITY, EACH PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ EACH ACCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, EACH ACCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ AGGREGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME AT WHICH THE SET UP OF THE DISPLAY CAN BE INSPECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WILL DEFECTIVE SHELLS BE HANDLED? \_\_\_\_\_

The Permittee shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Lincoln, Nebraska from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the exercise of privileges granted under this permit that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting there from and is caused in whole – or in part by the Permittee, its agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

Permittee shall not exercise any of the privileges granted by this permit until he/she has obtained all required insurance and bonds and such insurance and bonds have been approved by the City Attorney for the City of Lincoln.

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Signature of Permittee or Authorized Representative

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention

INSPECTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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