

# APPLICATION

## Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience / Special Effects / Fireworks Display

REV. 12/29/21



Building & Safety Department - Bureau of Fire Prevention  
555 S. 10th St., Suite 203, Lincoln, NE 68508  
Phone (402) 441-7521

FW Permit Number (OFFICE USE)

ALL fields are required to be completed. If fields are left blank, the application may be DELAYED.

**Please select which type of permit this application applies to:**

- Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience**
- Pyrotechnic Special Effects**
- Fireworks Display**

Display Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Display Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Display: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Display Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **ATTACH** the following:

- A site plan and/or diagram indicating the discharge location / grounds / facility, overhead obstructions, the fallout radius (for each pyrotechnic device) and the lines behind which the audience is to be restrained.
- If the property is NOT owned by the applicant, please provide a copy of authorization to use the property.

Organization Sponsoring Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address (street/city/state/zip): \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPLAY OPERATOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street/city/state/zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIOR EXPERIENCE AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS WITH FIREWORKS DISPLAY OR PYROTECHNICS BEFORE A PROXIMATE AUDIENCE / SPECIAL EFFECTS**

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**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

PERMIT FEE	FEE DUE	
Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience	\$125.00	\$
Pyrotechnic Special Events	\$125.00	\$
Fireworks Display	\$200.00	\$

The undersigned hereby makes application for a permit to conduct a Fireworks Display, Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, or Pyrotechnic Special Effects 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.

**HARDCOPY SUBMITTAL** - Please submit this application, a site plan and/or diagram, the authorization letter (if applicable), and the associated fees at the time of permit submittal.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL** - Please email this application to [FirePermits@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:FirePermits@lincoln.ne.gov). Once Bldg. & Safety processes this application, the applicant will be notified (via email) to pay the associated fees and to **UPLOAD** all necessary documents into [Citizens Access](#) under the assigned permit number.

# **BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION POLICY**

## **Public Liability Insurance and Bond Requirements**

**Section 5601.2.4.2, 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code.** The permit holder shall furnish a bond or certificate of insurance in an amount deemed adequate by the fire code official for the payment of all potential damages to a person or persons or to property by reason of the permitted display, and arising from any acts of the permit holder, the agent, 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 fire code official 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 pyrotechnics, special effects, or fireworks display, and for the faithful performance and observance of all the terms, conditions, and requirements for the issuance of the permit for such pyrotechnics, special effects, or fireworks display.

# **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. LOCATION**

- a. 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.
- b. The area selected for the discharge of aerial shells shall be located so that the trajectory of the shells will not come within 25' 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.
- c. Ground display pieces shall be located at a minimum of 75' from spectator viewing areas and parking areas.
- d. Fireworks shall not be discharged within 100' of any tent or canvas shelter.
- e. Areas of discharge site shall be inspected by the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- f. Spectators, vehicles, or any readily combustible materials shall not be located within the potential landing area during the display.

<b>Distances for Outdoor Fireworks Display Sites</b>									
<b>Minimum Separation Distances Mortars to Spectators for Land or Water Display</b>									
<b>Mortar Size (in)</b>	<b>Mortar Size (mm)</b>	<b>Minimum Secured Diameter of Site<sup>2</sup> (ft)</b>	<b>Minimum Secured Diameter of Site<sup>2</sup> (m)</b>	<b>Vertical Mortars<sup>3</sup> (ft)</b>	<b>Vertical Mortars<sup>3</sup> (m)</b>	<b>Angled Mortars<sup>4</sup> 1/3 offset (ft)</b>	<b>Angled Mortars<sup>4</sup> 1/3 offset (m)</b>	<b>Mortars to Special Hazards<sup>5</sup> (ft)</b>	<b>Mortars to Special Hazards<sup>5</sup> (m)</b>
<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**

- a. 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**

- a. The shell storage area shall be located in Ready Boxes at minimum distance of not less than 25' 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Distance between mortars shall be ½ times the diameter of the mortar.
- e. Weighted objects should be placed upon braces of racks to prevent tipping.

**4. FIRE PROTECTION**

- a. 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**

- a. Display operators and assistants shall use only flashlights or electric lighting for artificial illumination.

**6. SHELL FAILURE**

- a. 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**

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

**8. AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- a. All operators shall be at least 21 years old. Assistants shall be at least 18 years old.

**PYROTECHNICS BEFORE A PROXIMATE AUDIENCE / SPECIAL EFFECTS / FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**Supplemental Application Information**

PERSON(S) ASSISTING THE DISPLAY OPERATOR (if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

What fire protection procedures will be in place at the time of the event? \_\_\_\_\_

Will portable fire extinguishers be present onsite at the time of the event? \_\_\_\_\_

**Where required by the fire code official, please provide the following:**

Please provide the name of the Surety Company executing the bond: \_\_\_\_\_

- Bond Amount? \_\_\_\_\_ Term? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name of the public liability insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

LIMITS:

- Bodily Injury Liability, EACH PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ EACH ACCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_
- Property Damage Liability, EACH ACCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ AGGREGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ONLY. Please indicate the following (1-5):**

1. What crowd control procedures will be in place at the time of the event? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What will be the operator's source of illumination during the event? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What will be the manner and place of fireworks storage PRIOR to the display? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How will defective shells be handled? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please ATTACH a list of firework products to be used, including the quantity.

The permittee shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Lincoln 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

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DATE

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APPROVED BY: Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention

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DATE

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INSPECTED BY: Fire Inspector, Bureau of Fire Prevention

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DATE