



ARLINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS

1. Application for a FIRE PREVENTION PERMIT shall be filed with the Fire Prevention Office, accompanied with a certificate of liability insurance, with minimum limits as defined in Section 3308.1 Arlington County Fire Prevention Code.
2. All fireworks shall have prior approval by the Fire Prevention Division before they can be stored or sold.
3. All fuses of individual fireworks shall be taped to prevent their easy ignition while being displayed for sale. If the fireworks are displayed under glass; in sealed containers or bags; in box lots, or in some similar manner, the fuses need not be taped. The fuses shall be hard-coated or slow burning and in compliance with code. Quick match fuses are prohibited.
4. Projectile type fireworks, fireworks which explode, or fireworks emitting sparks or flames for a distance greater than 12 feet are prohibited. All illegal fireworks shall be confiscated and the person responsible will be charged with violation of County law, maximum \$2,500.00 fine and one year in jail.
5. There shall be a competent person, at least 18 years of age, in charge of and working in each location at all times.
6. "No Smoking" signs shall be placed every 10 feet of sales area (minimum of 3 signs) and located where they are visible to persons approaching the stand. Smoking will be prohibited in a radius of twenty-five (25) feet of the fireworks display. Signs must depict the International No Smoking logo.
7. One Class 2-A water type extinguisher or an approved ABC multi-purpose type extinguisher must be provided for every 100 square feet of sales area. Extinguishers shall be identified by a sign and mounted in a visible and accessible location.
8. Stands containing 1000 lbs or less of fireworks shall not be less than 30 feet from any structure or within 20 feet of any right-of-way line or street. Stands located within 100 feet of any building or structure, shall have the side or sides enclosed, which face the exposed structure. Enclosure shall be of approved substantial material that will satisfactorily deflect the discharge of any fireworks. Space underneath open display tables or counters shall be kept free of storage of any kind. Distances for quantities greater than 1000 lbs shall be approved by the Fire Marshal on a case by case basis.
9. No stand shall be located on property where Class I or II flammable liquids are stored or within 100 feet of where dispensed.
10. A distance of at least 25 feet from the stand or building shall be kept clear of any brush, undergrowth or combustible material, capable of spreading fire.
11. No FIRE PREVENTION PERMIT will be issued until final approval from the Building and Electrical inspectors have been received. It shall be the responsibility of the stand operator to call for an inspection from the Fire Prevention Office (703-228-4644).
12. The sale of fireworks to minors (less than 18 years of age) shall be prohibited unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible adult.

MISSION

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