



General Information

All persons wishing to put on a fireworks display in the unincorporated areas of Johnson County, Kansas, must obtain a permit. In order to obtain a permit, an application must be completed and submitted to the office of the Planning and Codes at least 14 days prior to the date the fireworks display is to take place. There is no charge for a fireworks display permit.

Who May Apply

Any qualified civic group or organization, through its representative, may apply for a fireworks permit.

Types of Fireworks Requiring Permit

The following fireworks require a permit: Any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or device prepared for the purpose of producing an audible or visible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation and includes blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in which explosives are used, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, daygo bombs, sparklers or other devices or like construction and any device containing an explosive substance. "Fireworks" do not include toy caps with less than ¼ grain of explosive compound per cap or devices in which such caps are used; highway flares or other emergency signals, and firearms ammunition.

When a Fireworks Display is Permitted

A fireworks display must be conducted as part of a holiday celebration, special event or activity, ceremony or other occasion of a similar nature.

Qualifications of Persons Conducting Fireworks Display

The person in charge of conducting the fireworks display must have knowledge and experience in safe and proper handling and storage of fireworks. The person firing the fireworks must be at least 18 years old and there must be at least two persons supervising the actual firing at all times during the display.

Other Requirements

At least two fire extinguishers, minimum size 2A10BC, must be present at the site during the fireworks display. Fireworks must be stored, before and after the display, in a safe manner and all used fireworks must be immediately disposed of in a safe manner. Fireworks must be fired at least 100 feet away from the nearest building, public roadway and viewers and cannot be fired over building or people.

Insurance

The person conducting the exhibition or display must have liability insurance coverage, which applies to the display. Proof of adequate liability insurance must be attached to the application.

How to Apply For a Fireworks Permit

At least 14 days before your proposed fireworks display you must file your application with Ken Keiter, Fire Inspector, in the Planning and Codes department. (913-715-2208) The application should be complete when submitted and **MUST INCLUDE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LAND OWNER. A site inspection verifying all requirements will be conducted prior to the permit being issued.** If your application is denied, the County Codes Official will notify you within 4 business days of the date you filed your application. If your application is approved, you will be so notified, at which time you may then pick up your permit at the Planning and Codes Department, 111 South Cherry Suite 3500, Olathe, KS 66061.