

Guidelines and Permit Information: **Consumer Firework Sales**

Permit Required: 2020 MSFC; An operational permit is required to sell legal fireworks

It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, or sell at retail or wholesale any consumer fireworks in the City of Maple Grove without first having obtained a permit from the Maple Grove Fire Department.

PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR PURCHASED AND WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST OF THAT YEAR

Fees: Available for viewing on City of Maple Grove Website

Code Guidance/ General Requirements: 2020 MSFC, NFPA 1124, MN STATUTES 624.20

- The permit shall be posted on site
- The building or tent area shall be void of all other fire code violations
- The building shall ensure that an up-to-date key is provided to the MGF
- Retail sales of consumer fireworks shall be limited to buildings classified as a Mercantile (Group M) by the Minnesota State Fire Code
- Any portion of an exterior wall of building or tent, shall be within 150 feet of a public way or an approved fire apparatus access road
- Every facility selling legal consumer fireworks shall have no less than two (2) portable fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of a 2A, at least one of these must be of the pressurized water type.
 - Exception: Temporary stands less than 200sqft shall be required to have one extinguisher of the pressurized water type
- No smoking signs shall be posted at all retail sites
 - Smoking is not permitted inside or within 50 feet of the retail area
 - Signs shall read "FIREWORKS – NO SMOKING" with a minimum of a 2 in. brush stroke
 - Shall be posted in conspicuous locations and within ten (10) feet of every aisle directly serving the firework sales area in a store
- Discharge of fireworks within 300 feet from a consumer fireworks retail stand is prohibited.
 - Signage shall be inconspicuously posted that lists this requirement
- Displays shall not be greater than six (6) feet in height
 - Exception: Perimeter displays may be 12 feet in height
- Flame breaks need to be approved and provided no less than every 16 feet
- Shelving may have no more than ten (10) percent of openings or holes
- All fireworks shall have covered fuses or otherwise meet NFPA 1124
- Open flames are prohibited
- Egress
 - Dead end isles are prohibited
 - Permanent structure

- No less than three (3) exits
 - Egress shall be less than 75 feet in length
 - Temporary Structure
 - Minimum of two (2) exits
 - Egress shall not exceed 35 feet in length
- Exit signs and emergency lighting shall be provided as required by the MSFC
- No fireworks shall be stored within five (5) feet of any public entrance, nor two (2) feet from any private exit or entrance
- When not open, proper security measures shall ensure that retail sites are secure from the public
- Retail and storage areas shall be void of accumulations of debris and rubbish.
 - Any loose pyrotechnic shall be removed immediately
 - Dry grass, dry brush, and other combustible debris shall be removed for the adjacent 30 feet area
- All personnel handling consumer fireworks shall receive safety training
 - No person shall sell consumer fireworks to any person who is obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Temporary Structures shall also require a MGF D Temporary Membrane Structure Permit
- Zoning Requirements may apply:
 - Temporary outdoor sales of seasonal products may be conducted for periods not exceeding six weeks per calendar year.

Plan Submittal:

Floor or Site Plan including:

- Location of the storage area
- Location of the display area
- Location of the sales area
- Display how the fireworks will be displayed and stored
 - Show storage heights
 - Show the type of racking and shelves
 - No more than 10% of shelves may be non-solid
 - Show the location of flame breaks and describe the material
 - Plan should show adequate detail to show compliance with applicable rules and regulations
- Show distances from the following items:
 - Public Ways
 - Buildings
 - Other consumer fireworks retail sales facilities
 - Motor vehicle fuel-dispensing station(s)
 - Retail propane-dispensing station(s)
 - Flammable and combustible liquid aboveground storage tank(s)
 - Vehicle access and parking areas
 - Location and type of portable fire extinguishers
 - Means of egress
 - Construction details
 - Location of No Smoking signs

Written description including:

- A letter from the owner of the business and/or building indicating their agreeance to meet all applicable regulations and their approval to sell Legal Consumer Fireworks
 - Letter should call out MN Rule 5200.0910(b) that states; No minor under the age of 18 shall be employed in or about any place where explosives or pyrotechnics are manufactured, stored, handled, or fired.
- The total net and gross weight of pyrotechnic composition to be displayed and stored
 - Bills of lading shall be available to MGF D staff at all times
 - Bills of lading must show weights of product
- Twenty-four (24) hour contact information for building owner, business owner, and manager.
- Explain the safety training provided to employees engaged in selling the fireworks

Insurance Required

The applicant for a license to have storage for sale, display, expose for sale, and retail and wholesale of consumer legal fireworks shall provide proof of insurance policies or certificates of insurance acceptable to the city prior to issuance of said license. The insurance policies shall be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in the state for coverage and limits as set forth below:(1) General liability policy providing coverage for bodily injury or property damage for claims arising out of the licensee's actions or inactions in its fireworks business for minimum combined single limits as follows:

- General aggregate \$1,000,000.00; Each occurrence 1,000,000.00
- The policy shall be on annual basis or the full period of the license, and such policies shall include, but not limited to; explosion, collapse, and underground hazards, premises and operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, and contractual coverage
- The limits shall apply per location
- The policy shall include coverage for fireworks
- The city shall be named as an additional insured.
 - Business auto policy covering owned (if any), non-owned, and hired autos with minimum combined single bodily injury and property damage liability limits of \$1,000,000.00 each accident.
 - Workers' compensation and employer's liability as required by the state.
- Should any such policies be canceled or not renewed for any cause before the expiration date thereof, the issuing insurance company shall mail 30 days' written notice to the city clerk, except such notice shall be ten days for non-payment of premium
- If a policy is terminated for any reason, the license shall be automatically suspended upon the day the policy terminates, unless a new policy complying with this section is obtained and filed with the city clerk prior to the termination of the policy in force
- The insurance policies shall be written with companies having a minimum Best's Key Rating Guide of A-VII, or as approved by the cities insurance agent.

All plans shall be submitted electronically through ePermits online. No paper plans will be accepted.

Inspections Required: Inspections should be scheduled a minimum of 24 hours in advance

- Inspections may be scheduled by calling: 763-494-6300

- Inspections required:
 - Permanent facility
 - Final
 - Flame Brakes
 - Signage
 - Emergency Plan
 - Egress
 - Fire Extinguisher(s)
 - Temporary Membrane Structure
 - Site
 - Final
 - Egress
 - Flame Breaks
 - Signage
 - Egress
 - Flammability certification on fabric
 - Fire Extinguisher(s)
 - Structure securement

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