



## Catawba County Fire Marshal's Office

Fire/Rescue Division  
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### Fireworks / Pyrotechnic Display Application

Display Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pyrotechnic Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing / Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Display Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Mortars: (Smallest to Largest) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Mortar Rounds: \_\_\_\_\_ Firing Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Start and End Time of Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pyrotechnic Operator & Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid NCOSFM Pyrotechnic Permit # (Provide a Copy) \_\_\_\_\_

Event Sponsor / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Marshal Use Only: Catawba County Fire Marshal's Office Does \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not  
Recommend Approval of the permit. The fire district of the display is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Firework/Pyrotechnic Display**

Firework/pyrotechnic displays shall comply with all applicable provisions of the NC State Fire Prevention Code, National Fire Protection Association 1123 and 1126 (when applicable) – Code for Fireworks Display, and all other provisions deemed necessary to ensure a safe display. At no time shall Fireworks and or Pyrotechnics be discharged inside any structure.

### **Permit Requirements:**

- The fireworks company conducting the display shall submit a Special Operational Use Permit-Firework / Pyrotechnic Display Application and payment at least 90 days prior to the display date.
- A site plan that must be scaled and include all critical dimensions. The site plan shall include ground display areas, storage areas, firing locations, spectator areas, parking areas, fallout zone as specified in NFPA 1123, and property lines. Use Google maps or GIS to show site area. All paperwork must be legible.
- Certificate of Insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 and valid for the date(s) of event(s) and any rain date(s) listed.
- Complete list of all pyrotechnics to be displayed and size.
- Letter of request for approval to the Catawba County Fire Marshal's Office and Catawba County Board of Commissioners from the event sponsor/organization with address and date(s) of event(s) and any rain date(s) listed.
- Provide a copy of NCOSFM permits for pyrotechnic operators and pyrotechnic operator assistants with a date that is valid and covers the date of event(s) and any rain date(s) listed.
- Obtain approval from the appropriate authority for any road closures when applicable.
- Copy of ATF License that is valid and covers the date of event(s) and any rain date(s) listed.
- Obtain written permission from any property owners of where any discharge or debris may land including any adjacent property owners within the fallout zone.
- Contact the local fire department and confirm fire apparatus standby.

### **Responsibilities of Permit Holder:**

- Provide monitors, whose duty shall be the enforcement of crowd control and site security. The monitors shall be located around the display site to prevent spectators or any other unauthorized persons from entering the site. The display site consists of the immediate area where a firework/pyrotechnic display is conducted, including the discharge site, the fallout zone, and the required separation distance from mortars to spectator viewing and parking areas. Provisions for crowd control and site security shall include the number and location of monitors, method of monitor identification, and provisions for keeping spectators out of the display site. During the period before the display, where pyrotechnic materials are present, public access to the site is not permitted. Only the pyrotechnic operator and necessary pyrotechnic operator assistants shall be permitted in the discharge area (area immediately surrounding the fireworks mortars) while the display is in progress. The discharge area shall be so restricted throughout the display and until the discharge area has been inspected by the pyrotechnic operator after the display.

- Shall be responsible for ensuring that a sufficient number of pyrotechnic operator assistants are available for the safe conduct of the firework/pyrotechnic displays. Pyrotechnic operator assistants shall include ready box tenders, shooters, and other persons who work under the direction of the pyrotechnic operator to put on an outdoor firework/pyrotechnic display. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring that the pyrotechnic operator and all pyrotechnic operator assistants are fully trained in their assigned tasks.
  - Pyrotechnic operator shall be aware of the standard for minimally training all pyrotechnic operator assistants through the NCOSFM.
  - The pyrotechnic operator shall conduct a post display inspection and clean-up all waste from fire mortars before leaving premises.
  - Pyrotechnic operator is required to be on site at all times.
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- Catawba County Fire Marshal's office has the authority to cancel and or stop any fireworks display at any time if he/she feels a danger to the public and or property exist. At no time will a display take place inside a structure.