



KINGS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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"Promote, Preserve and Protect Public Safety"

Salvador Flores, Fire Chief

Dear Applicant,

You are required to submit an application to obtain a fireworks permit. Please fill out the attached application and submit your application and supporting documents through the Kings County Fire Department website at <https://www.countyofkings.com>. You will be contacted once your application has been reviewed. Please do not submit payment prior to receiving an invoice for payment. The deadline for filing firework applications is June 1st. Please call (559) 852-2881 if you have questions regarding the application process.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Kings County Fire Department
Administration Office



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Dear Applicant,

Enclosed you will find the application packet for fireworks sales in the County of Kings.
The following forms will be provided:

✓ **REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS PERMITS AND STANDS**

This form contains the rules and regulations regarding the permit process. It also contains rules that must be followed with regards to your actual fireworks stand. These rules **MUST** be posted at all times in the stand. ALL employees must read, understand and obey these rules at all times while on site.

At the bottom of this form is a signature line that must be signed by a Kings County Fire Department representative once they have inspected your stand and it has passed inspection.

FORM MUST BE POSTED IN FIREWORKS STAND AT ALL TIMES

✓ **STORAGE OF "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORKS**

This form contains the rules and regulations with regards to the storage of your "Safe and Sane" fireworks. These rules must be strictly adhered to and will be strictly enforced by the Kings County Fire Department. The address where the fireworks will be stored **MUST** be filled in on line 4 of the form.

✓ **PROPERTY OWNERS PERMISSION TO ERECT A FIREWORKS STAND**

This form is to be filled out and **MUST** be signed by an officer of your organization. It **MUST** contain the printed name AND signature of the property owner where the stand will be located.

✓ **FIREWORKS STAND SPECIFICATIONS**

This sheet contains the specifications for construction of the fireworks booth. All enclosed booths (booths having 4 walls) **MUST** comply with these specifications.

✓ **WIRING REGULATIONS FOR FIREWORKS STANDS**

This sheet contains the wiring regulations for your stand.

✓ **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE**

This form **MUST** be completed and documents presented to verify non-profit status **BEFORE** your permit will be issued.

All of the necessary State licenses and permits **must be presented** with the application. ALL forms must be completed; proof of insurance and proof of non-profit status must be presented in order to be issued a Kings County permit.

Once you have completed your packet and received your state license, you must submit your application packet for review through the [Kings County Fire Department website](#). Contact the Kings County Fire Administration Office at (559) 852-2881 if you have any questions regarding this process or materials.

DEADLINE FOR FILING THE APPLICATION PACKET IS JUNE 1

Thank you for your cooperation!
Wishing you a safe, sane, and prosperous fireworks season!



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REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS PERMITS AND STANDS

“THESE REGULATIONS ARE ADOPTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 12500, THE STATE FIREWORKS LAW”.

1. Application for fireworks permits **MUST** be made to Kings County Fire Department **PRIOR** to June 1 of the current year. The applicant must pay the permit fee of \$325.00 **PER STAND** by cash, check, credit card or money order. Please make check or money order payable to **Kings County Fire Department.**
2. **NO** fireworks permit will be granted to the applicant unless the following items are presented at the time the application is presented to Kings County Fire Department:
 - a. State Fire Marshal's license
 - b. Temporary Sellers Permit issued from the State Board of Equalization
 - c. Property Owners Permission to erect a Fireworks Stand form signed and dated. This **MUST** include the APN Number of the property where the fireworks stand is to be located.
 - d. Storage of "Safe and Sane" Fireworks form
 - e. Non – Profit Organization Status Questionnaire form
 - f. Proof of Insurance
3. No change of stand location will be permitted without prior approval from Kings County Fire Department.
4. The sale of “Safe and Sane” fireworks shall **NOT** commence earlier than 12 o'clock Noon on June 28th, and shall terminate by 12 o'clock Midnight on July 4th. The hours of operation, of ANY stand, shall be limited to 12 o'clock Noon until 11:00 pm on June 28th. Afterwards,

the daily hours of operation shall be 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, EXCEPT for the last day of July 4th when sales MUST cease no later than 12 o'clock Midnight.

5. The discharge of fireworks shall be from July 1st to July 4th of any year, unless July 4th falls on a Sunday, in which case the period ends at 12 o'clock Midnight on July 5th.
6. All fireworks stands MUST be removed at the end of sales or on the 5th day of July, whichever comes first.
7. Fireworks will NOT be displayed or moved into the stands until the morning of June 28; the first day of allowed sales.
8. No person shall sell or offer for sale any fireworks within 100 feet of any pump or dispensing device for flammable liquids.
9. No stand shall be located within 30 feet of any adjacent building or burnable materials (grass, paper, etc.).
10. No fireworks stand shall be located closer than 20 feet from the shoulder of any public road or highway, or in any location, which does not meet the approval of the Kings County Fire Marshal.
11. No sale or display of fireworks is allowed inside any permanent building.
12. Each stand will have a minimum of two (2) exits. These will be located and provided on opposite sides of the stand. Each exit shall be a MINIMUM of 32 inches wide. Stands with three (3) sides AND open from the back will not require exits.
13. If stands are to be operated at night, ONLY electric lights may be used. The wiring shall meet the minimum requirements of Title 24, Part 3 of the basic Electrical Regulations of the State Building Standards, and will be inspected by Kings County.
14. No Smoking signs shall be located on ALL sides of the stand. Each sign shall have the words **NO SMOKING** in red letters not less than 2 inches in height, with a MINIMUM ½ inch stroke on a white background.
15. One (1) approved 2 ½ gallon pressurized water type fire extinguisher AND/OR one (1) five pound multi-purpose ABC fire extinguisher MUST be provided in the sale stand area **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The extinguisher MUST be in operating condition with an up-to-date inspection tag indicating that the extinguisher has been serviced within the past year. **PERMITS MAY BE REVOKED IF THE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT IN FULL COMPLIANCE.**
16. Fireworks signs shall not create a traffic hazard and must be approved by Kings County.
17. The employer shall instruct ALL employees who handle the fireworks in any capacity, of the hazards and safety precautions governing fireworks. The employer shall also have ALL employees read and obey all of these requirements.

18. ALL employees shall be trained in emergency procedures INCLUDING the proper use of the fire extinguishers.
19. Persons employed in the sale of fireworks shall be AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE. Proof of age must be shown at any time when required by Fire Officials.
20. The sale of fireworks **TO ANY PERSON 16 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER IS PROHIBITED.**
21. Sleeping inside the fireworks stand is NOT permitted at ANY time.
22. The premises shall be maintained in a clean, neat and orderly condition at all times. Premises shall be free from any condition that would create a “fire nuisance”.
23. No person shall use or handle fireworks while under the influence of ANY intoxicants or narcotics. Alcohol and narcotics are PROHIBITED within fireworks stands.
24. Smoking shall be PROHIBITED where fireworks are stored or handled.

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STORAGE OF "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORKS

In order to provide safe storage of "Safe and Sane" fireworks, the following methods shall be the approved ways in which storage will be allowed. These rules shall apply any time "Safe and Sane" fireworks are not in the sales stand.

1. ALL fireworks shall be stored separately from ANY possible ignition source.
2. Storage will be allowed in the bed of a pick-up truck or trailer that has an enclosed, lockable shell or lid. The battery MUST be disconnected while the vehicle is parked and unattended. The vehicle shall NOT be placed in any garage or immediately adjacent to any structure.
3. Storage will NOT be allowed in garages, residences or other dwelling units.
4. Indicate the address where the fireworks will be stored when not in the stand.

Address: _____

Failure to provide approved storage would be grounds to **REVOKE** the approval to sell "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Kings County Fire Marshal at (559) 852-2881.



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PROPERTY OWNERS PERMISSION TO ERECT A FIREWORKS STAND

Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Proposed Fireworks stand: _____

A.P.N. Number: _____

The above named organization has informed me of its plan to erect a booth for the retail sales of fireworks at the above address. As the owner of the property, I understand that the organization must obtain my written permission prior to being issued a permit to sell fireworks.

To receive this permit, the organization must comply with all the rules and regulations for selling fireworks. The fireworks stand must comply with the standards set by the local jurisdiction.

The (Organizations name) _____ agrees to abide by all of these rules set forth by the local jurisdiction for the retail sale of fireworks.

Signed _____ Officer of the Organization

With regards to the above, I, _____, the property owner, do hereby give my permission for the erection of a fireworks stand on the property stated on this form.

Property Owner's Name: (Please print) _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____



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FIREWORKS STAND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

Fireworks stands MUST be constructed to the following specifications:

1. The frame shall be wood or metal.
2. The lower half of the stand shall be constructed of plywood, metal or other material approved by the Kings County Fire Marshal.
3. The area above the display counter can be wire mesh with solid sides or wire mesh all around.
4. The structure must be enclosed on at least three (3) sides. If the back is enclosed, there MUST be two (2) exits. These exits must be a MINIMUM of 32 inches in width.
5. The front counter area that is open for sales shall be located four (4) feet from the bottom edge of the stand and continue for no more than 18 inches in height for open area. The wire mesh will continue to the roof.



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1. No switches inside the stand.
2. No electrical receptacles (outlets) inside the stand.
3. Lighting fixtures shall have protective covers.
4. Extension cords to the stand shall be "heavy duty" and shall be protected from vehicular damage. For example being run over. Romex is NOT an acceptable extension cord. The extension cord shall have a 20 amp MINIMUM capacity rating.
5. Interior lighting shall be center ceiling level and sturdily installed. ALL connections are to use wire nuts or approved clamps in an approved junction box.
6. ALL wiring and fixtures shall be three-wire AND grounded.
7. ALL stands will be specifically inspected for electrical wiring and fixtures. ANY deficiencies will require IMMEDIATE CORRECTION.
8. The use of portable lighting outside of the stand is recommended. Use "heavy duty" extension cords that are protected from vehicular damage (being run over). NO Romex. If you place a pole in the ground to support your light, a Kings County permit will be required.



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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of Organization, Club, Association or School: _____

Address: _____

Name of President or Head of the Organization: _____

Telephone number for the Organization: _____

Length of time the Organization has been in Kings County: _____

State or Federal Tax exemption number (if applicable): _____

The Kings County Board of Supervisors has amended the Fireworks Ordinance to restrict retail sales of fireworks to confirmed non-profit organizations. The Board has left verification of the non-profit organization to whatever the Kings County Fire Chief deems necessary.

NON-PROFIT STATUS MAY BE VERIFIED BY PROVIDING ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. State or Federal Tax Exemption Certificate
2. A copy of the Organization Charter
3. A copy of the Organization By-Laws
4. Any current literature describing the Organization
5. A letter from a Department Head verifying the Organization
6. A letter from any government agency, church or school verifying the Organization status