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## **Application/Permit for Supervised Display of Fireworks and/or Special Effects**

This form shall be used as the application and permit for all supervised display of fireworks and/or special effects in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Triplicate copies of this form must be submitted to the head of the local fire department **at least twenty (20) days in advance of the proposed date of display** as required by 527 CMR 2.04(4)(b).

The applicant must attach the following to each copy of this application:

- ☐ diagram/site plan showing points where fireworks are to be discharged, location/distance to the audience, buildings, highways, overhead obstructions, etc.
- ☐ the number and description of the fireworks/pyrotechnics including the diameter of the largest shells and whether manually or electrically fired.
- ☐ natural barriers must be pre-approved by State Fire Marshal's Office (plan sufficient time ahead).
- ☐ letter from owner, operator or manager of the indoor entertainment venue or theater acknowledging the proposed use of pyrotechnics within their facility.

**One copy of this form must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal not later than five (5) after receipt of said application as required by 527 CMR 2.04 (4)(c)(11).**

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Location of Display (street address and/or GPS coordinates): \_\_\_\_\_

Date to be Held: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. to: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

Rain Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. to: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

Fireworks/Special Effects Company : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Users Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company Issuing Surety Bond: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Competent Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Competency#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Supplying Fireworks: (if different from applicant user certificate listed above): \_\_\_\_\_

Manner and Location of Storage of Fireworks/Special Effects Prior to Display: \_\_\_\_\_

**A permit may not be issued until the owner, operator or manager of the entertainment venue or theatre (as defined by 527 CMR 2.09(3)) provides a letter to the head of the local fire department, acknowledging the proposed use of pyrotechnics within their facility. 527 CMR 2.04 (4)(c)4.**

Date of Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Competent Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the competent operator named above has my approval and that in my opinion, the display described will be of such character, so located, discharged or fired as not to be hazardous to property or to endanger any person or persons. (G.L. Chapter 148, §39A)*

Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head of Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit will expire at midnight on \_\_\_\_\_

**One copy of this form must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal no more than five (5) days after receipt of said application by the head of the fire department as required by 527 CMR 2.04 (4)(c)(11).**

### *For Fire Department Use Only*

#### **Before the Show**

- ☐ Review DEP advisory on perchlorates.

#### **Day of Show**

- ☐ Pre show site inspection.
- ☐ Establish secured area with a suitable barrier such as snow fencing or equivalent (caution tape is not sufficient), natural barriers, as approved by SFMO (secured area must be established and maintained from the arrival of the fireworks until the completion of the display).
- ☐ Verify Fire Marshal permits (transportation, electric firing boards, and portable firing trailers).
- ☐ If using racks, determine that the rack placement conforms to the approved site.
- ☐ Check racks for correct spacing and stability. Check angling of mortars.
- ☐ If not using racks, determine that tubes are sufficiently buried. Check angling of mortars.
- ☐ Determine weather and wind conditions prior to display.
- ☐ Approve the location and type of wooden supply (ready) boxes **[DOT shipping containers are not acceptable]**.

#### **Following the Show**

- ☐ A competent operator must insure a search is made for any unignited shells and related materials immediately following the display and at the first available daylight.
- ☐ Upon completion of the search, a competent operator shall report all findings to the head of the local fire department