SOUTH KING FIRE
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CEREMONIAL FIREWORKS

FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINES

Scope and Purpose

To provide a policy for legal discharge of fireworks for ceremonial purposes.

Code Authority

RCW (70 series)

Special Provisions

In general, fireworks are not allowed in the cities of Des Moines and Federal Way, however, a special no-fee permit from SKF makes it possible to use certain types of fireworks for ceremonial purposes. This special permit strictly limits the types of fireworks, where they can be purchased, as well as how, when, and where they are used.

Types of fireworks that can be used with this permit are strictly limited to approved ground and hand-held fireworks including: sparklers, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, firecrackers, salutes, chasers, and ground spinners. Firecrackers and salutes produce noise and flash of light. Chasers travel along the ground producing a whistling effect or other noise.

Prohibited fireworks include: Aerial fireworks such as helicopters and aerial spinners, roman candles, mine shells, aerial shells, and mortars.

Permit Application Process

1. Application for fireworks permit must be made in writing to the Fire Marshal's Office at least thirty (30) days in advance of the display.
2. Permit applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
3. As part of the application process, you will be required to provide the following information:
    a. Name and mailing address of the organization or person desiring to purchase and discharge the fireworks.
    b. Date and time of the proposed discharge.
    c. Location of the proposed discharge, including a site map indicating the area of proposed discharge.
    d. Quantity and type of fireworks desired to be purchased and discharged.
    e. Reason or purpose of the discharge.
    f. Signature of the applicant, following this statement: "The applicant understands and agrees to comply with all provisions of the application and requirements of the approving authority, will discharge the fireworks only in a manner that will not endanger persons or property or constitute a nuisance, and assumes full responsibility for all consequences of the discharge, intended, or not."

Restrictions on Use of Fireworks with this permit

Even with a permit, please note the following:

1. The permit holder is authorized to purchase only the firework types and quantities listed to be discharged under the permit.
2. Storage of fireworks is allowed for only three (3) days prior to the date of discharge.
3. The fireworks can only be discharged at the time, date, and location specified in the application for permit.

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4. Unused fireworks must be returned to a Washington State licensed fireworks wholesaler no later than three (3) days after the date approved for discharge.
5. The permit holder must comply with all conditions of the permit, retain the permit and have it available for inspection by any public official at the actual discharge of the fireworks.

Purchasing Fire Works:

1. Once you have received a fire permit, you may submit a copy of the permit to any licensed wholesaler as proof of authorization to purchase the fireworks.
2. **Fireworks may only be purchased from a Washington State Licensed Fireworks Wholesaler.**
3. The purchase or receipt of mail order fireworks is prohibited unless the purchaser has first obtained an importer's license.