



FIREWORKS SALES

City of Lawrence

Department of Public Works

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PERMITS

In order to obtain permits to open a temporary fireworks sales location the following must be submitted to the Department of Public Works:

- Floor plan of space with table locations and dimensions (not less than 32" in clearance width required)
 - Maximum quantity of 500 pounds in a non-sprinkled location
 - Maximum quantity of 1000 pounds in a sprinkled location
- Locations of exit/emergency lighting
- Location of exit signs
- Location of no smoking signs
- Location where extra product (temporary storage) will be stored
- Copy of State Permit
- Completed Permit Application

TEMPORARY STORAGE

- Allowed from May 15th to August 13th of each year
- Maximum of two (2) temporary storage facilities per location address, as listed on a certificate of compliance
- Two acceptable sizes:
 - 20ft. (L) x 8ft. (W) x 9ft. (H)
 - 40ft. (L) x 8ft. (W) x 9ft. (H)
- The shipping company's serial number shall be displayed on each corner post in lettering 3 to 4 inches in height
- The sides of the container shall be 14 gauge corrugated steel
- The roof of the container shall be 14 gauge steel
- The floor of the container shall be marine grade wood, rated up to 16,000 pounds
- The doors shall meet the following: 14 gauge steel cam locking double doors.
- The container shall have two (2) vents for air circulation
- Each temporary storage container shall be located:
 - At least 20 feet from each road, street or other public way, and from each occupied building, unless a greater distance is required to maintain fire lanes;
 - At least 20 feet from any other temporary storage container; and
 - At least 20 feet from any motor vehicle

- The fireworks dealer/manager of each location where 1.4G fireworks are stored in temporary storage facilities shall provide the following information about the temporary storage facilities to the responding fire department (City of Lawrence):
 - Address and suite number where they are located;
 - Location on the property, i.e., front of the store, parking lot behind the store, etc.;
 - Serial numbers for each shipping container; and
 - Statement that the temporary storage facilities contain 1.4G fireworks
- A copy of the notification to the City of Lawrence Fire Department shall be sent to the Office of the State Fire Marshal

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Portable fire extinguishers shall be located such that the maximum distance of travel to reach an extinguisher from any point shall not exceed 75 feet
- Every consumer fireworks storage or work building shall not have less than two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of 2A
- At least one of the required fire extinguishers shall be of the pressurized water type
- At least one of the required fire extinguishers shall be of the multipurpose dry chemical type having a minimum rating of 4A
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in accordance with NFPA10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers

Failure to comply will result in closure and a \$250.00 per day fine, per State Code until the issue is resolved and will be payable to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (future permits will not be reviewed until fines have been paid)