

***South Adams County Fire Protection District #4***  
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***Requirements for Temporary Fireworks Stands,  
Tents and Canopy's***

**A COPY OF THIS POLICY SHALL BE KEPT ON SITE AT ALL TIMES**

**General Requirements:**

- Fireworks stands, tents and canopies shall not be operated or open for business without obtaining a permit and approval from the Fire Code Official.
- Permit applications shall be submitted no later than May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A detailed site plan shall be submitted for approval showing location of stand, tent, or canopy, parking, additional storage units, trash dumpsters, generators, fuel storage, etc. Plans shall include dimensions of tent or canopy, spacing requirements and setbacks.
- Provide a copy of valid bond or certificate of insurance. Minimum coverage for property damage and/or bodily injury is \$1,000,000.00. Coverage to include **SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4** as an additional insured.
- Applicant shall provide written permission granting use of the site from the landowner. Document to include owners name, address and phone number.
- Provide a copy of the applicants **RETAILER OF FIREWORKS LICENSE**, issued by the Colorado Division of Fire Safety.
- Permits shall not be issued to anyone under 21 years of age. Retail sales staff shall be at least 16years of age and be supervised at all times by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- Obtain applicable permits required from Building and/or Zoning Departments.

### Site Requirements:

- Periods of operation shall be June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Stands, tents, canopies, and their appurtenances shall be removed from the site by July 15<sup>th</sup>. This includes storage containers, trash receptacles, debris, equipment, and all items used at the site.
- Hours of operation shall be 7:00am to 10:00pm.
- **STANDS** shall be adequately constructed of approved material and shall not exceed a gross floor area of 400 square feet. Combustible construction material shall be painted with a water-based latex paint.
- **TENTS** and **CANOPIES** shall be of an approved material. Tents or canopies shall not exceed 800 square feet.
- A certificate shall be submitted from an approved testing laboratory that the tent or canopy and their appurtenances; sidewalls, drops, and tarpaulins are composed of a flame resistant-material or has been treated with an approved flame retardant, and that such flame resistance is effective for the duration of the permit. The certificate shall indicate the date of the fabric was last treated, trade name of solution, name of person/firm who treated the fabric and name/address of the tent manufacture. Tents/Canopies and all side panels shall have indication of flam resistance. Tents and canopies shall have a permanently affixed label bearing the identification of size and fabric or material type.
- Tents or canopies and their appurtenances shall be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements of weather and prevent against collapsing. Documentation of structural stability shall be furnished to the Fire Code Official on request.
- Tents, canopies, and stands shall be located on the site to provide clear zones of 30 feet on all sides. Required distances shall be measured from the guy wires and support ropes on tents and canopies to meet compliance. Clear zones shall remain unobstructed and clear at all times.
- Vegetation within the required clear zones shall be mowed to a maximum of 2 inches above the ground. The remainder of vegetation on the site within 200 feet of stands, tents, and canopies shall be maintained at a maximum height of 12 inches.
- The number of stands, tents, or canopies on each permitted site shall be restricted to one.

- A distance of 30 feet shall separate stands, tents, canopies and detached storage. Storage containers shall be marked on all sides with a standard 1.4 EXPLOSIVES placard or sign.
- No parking shall be allowed within 30 feet of stands, tents, canopies, or detached storage. This includes employee parking, loading, and unloading of stock, generators, travel trailers, and campers. Parking areas shall be clearly established and marked.
- No fireworks shall be discharged within 300 feet of a stand, tent, or canopy, or within 100 feet of the property line on which the permit is issued.

#### **Sales Area Requirements:**

- Constructed stands with less than 300 square feet of floor space shall have two (2) exits. Stands between 300 and 400 square feet of floor space shall have three (3) exits. Exit doors shall be a minimum (20) inches in width and six (6) feet in height, and swing in the direction of egress. Exits shall be spaced at approximately equal intervals around the perimeter of the tent or canopy. Exits and exit paths shall be maintained and clear of obstructions to the public way.
- Occupant load signs in tents or canopies shall be posted at all times. The occupant load is determined by dividing the square feet of the entire tent or canopy by 30. (Example: 20 x 40' tent equals 800 square feet, divided by 30 gives an occupant load of 27.)
- Exits shall be clearly marked. Exit signs shall be posted at required exits on tents and canopies above each exit clearly marking exits.
- Aisles spacing inside a tent or canopy shall be a minimum of 48 inches and a minimum clearance of at least 3 feet between the fabric envelope and all contents located inside.
- The maximum amount of fireworks inside the sales area shall be restricted to 500 pounds gross weight. All products in the sales area in tents or canopies shall be displayed on tables with no storage under or behind tables.
- The floor surface inside stands, tents, canopies, and the grounds outside shall have a 30-foot perimeter and shall be kept clear of combustible waste material.
- Fire extinguishers shall be required at each stand, tent, and canopy. Each site shall provide a minimum of two (2) multipurpose dry chemical fire extinguishers with a minimum rating classification of 4A60BC and (1) pressurized 2 ½ gallon water extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A. Extinguishers shall be properly mounted and carry a current annual inspection tag.

- Smoking shall not be permitted in or around stands, tents, or canopies. “**NO SMOKING**” signs shall be conspicuously posted within and outside of all sites.
- Signs stating “**NO SALES TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS**” shall be posted at all register locations.

*Any signage required shall be posted at all times and **HANDMADE SIGNS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.***

*A fire safety inspection shall be required prior to issuance of any permit. All inspections shall be scheduled through the Fire Prevention Bureau Office during normal business hours. Office hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday.*

*All sections of this policy shall be complied with for the duration of the permit. Violation of any items of this policy or any additional fire code violation shall be grounds for immediate revocation of permit. Any violation note during inspections shall be immediately addressed and corrected. At the discretion of the Fire Code Official, any corrections that cannot be corrected immediately may cause the permit to be revoked and site closed until all corrections have been completed. A re-inspection for compliance shall be required prior to the site being re-opened for retail sales. An additional fee may be required for all re-inspections.*

*Once the permit has been signed and issued, **NO** changes or additions to the site are permitted without submittal for review and approval from the Fire Code Official.*

*By Signing the original permit, the applicant/operator has acknowledged that he/she has read and understand this policy and is responsible for assuring that these requirements are met all times.*