



## SOUTHERN PLATTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### **RULES & REGULATON FOR SEASONAL RETAIL FIREWORKS STANDS**

**Please be sure all persons employed at retail sales locations  
have read and are familiar with these guidelines**

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. It is unlawful to attempt to sell or to sell any fireworks to children under the age of fourteen (14) years except when such child is in the presence of a parent or guardian.
2. It is unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) to sell fireworks or work in a facility where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale unless under the supervision of an individual at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. It is unlawful to explode or ignite consumer fireworks within six hundred feet (600') of any church, hospital, mental health facility, or school or within one hundred feet (100') of any location where fireworks are stored, sold or offered for sale.
4. Temporary seasonal retail sales locations less than two hundred (200) square feet in area shall be required to have at least one (1) portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A rating.
5. The maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher in any seasonal retail sales location shall be no grater than thirty-five feet (35').
6. All fire extinguishers shall be inspected annually by a fire extinguisher company and have documentation to this effect attached to them.
7. All fire extinguishers shall be located in an accessible location to the staff.
8. Employees shall be trained to operate fire extinguishing equipment and shall be required to exhibit their skill when requested by the authority having jurisdiction.
9. The authority having jurisdiction shall require a certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization or laboratory of recognized standing or manufacturer verifying that the tent fabric material has been treated with a flame resistant material.
10. The area located within thirty feet (30') of a retail sales location shall be kept free of accumulated dry grass, dry brush, and combustible debris.
11. Fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or otherwise used within one hundred feet (100') of any location where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale. At least one (1) sign that reads as follows, in letters at least four inches (4") high on a contrasting background shall be conspicuously posted at each entrance of seasonal retail locations: **NO FIREWORKS DISCHARGE WITHIN 100 FEET.**
12. Smoking shall not be permitted inside or within twenty-five feet (25') of the seasonal retail sales area. One (1) or more signs reading **FIREWORKS – NO SMOKING** shall be displayed at each entrance of seasonal retail sales locations in letters not less than four inches (4") in height on a contrasting background.
13. No motor vehicle shall be parked within thirty feet (30') of a seasonal retail sales location.
14. No trailer used for the storage of consumer fireworks shall be parked within thirty feet (30') of a seasonal retail sales location

15. Temporary seasonal retail sales stands and tent side walls shall not be located within seventy-five feet (75') of any other structure unless authorized by the authority having jurisdiction.
16. Portable generators shall be located not less than twenty feet (20') from a seasonal retail sales location.
17. All means of egress from any temporary seasonal retail sales tent or stand shall remain clear and free of obstructions.
18. A minimum of two (2) remote means of egress shall be located in a seasonal retail sales location.
19. Exits provided for temporary seasonal retail stands shall be arranged so that the maximum egress travel distance does not exceed thirty-five feet (35'). Exits provided for seasonal retail tents shall be arranged so that the maximum egress travel distance measured from the most remote point to an exit along the natural and unobstructed path of egress travel, does not exceed seventy-five feet (75').
20. Aisles within a temporary seasonal retail sales tent, where the interior is accessible to the public, the minimum clear width shall be permitted to be not less than forty-eight inches (48").
21. Exit openings from seasonal retail sales tents shall not be less than forty-four inches (44") in width.
22. Electrical cables, including extension cords on the ground in areas traversed by the public shall be placed in trenches or protected by approved covers.
23. All extension cords shall be a minimum fourteen (14) gauge and multi-outlet power strips shall be UL approved and of the grounding type.
24. All multi-outlet power strips shall be UL approved and of the type with a circuit breaker for overload protection.
25. Any person selling fireworks shall not knowingly sell consumer fireworks to any person who is obviously under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**VIOLATIONS:**

1. Leaving unattended fireworks accessible to the public.
2. Knowingly allowing open flame or smoking within twenty-five feet (25') of a place where fireworks are manufactured, stored, kept, or offered for sale.
3. Selling to a child under the age of fourteen (14) who is not in the presence of a parent or guardian.
4. Employing a person less than sixteen (16) years of age who is unsupervised.
5. It is the responsibility of the licensed operator/pyrotechnic operator to immediately report any discharge related incident identified below to local law enforcement or fire service agencies and request such agency to notify the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
  - (1) Injury to any person requiring immediate medical treatment
  - (2) A fire or damage to property in an amount reportable to the operator's insurance company
  - (3) Loss of life

After a reportable incident has occurred, the scene shall not be altered or tampered with in any manner unless authorized by the state fire marshal or designee, until an investigation / inspection can be completed.