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## FIREWORKS BOOTH OPERATORS GUIDELINE

Wholesalers shall provide instruction/demonstration to the Retailers on the proper operation of wholesaler-provided booths, prior to the Retailer's booth inspection and operation.

### 1. Fireworks Booth Inspections:

- a) Fireworks booths shall be inspected and approved by the City of Salinas Fire Department.
- b) The City has the right to inspect a fireworks booth at any time while in operation.

### 2. Size of Booths

No booth shall have a floor area in excess of 750 sq. ft.

### 3. Typical Construction of Booths

- a) Siding and roof shall be made of ¼-in. or thicker plywood (or comparable material) or of non-combustible materials.
- b) Booth construction must be structurally sound.

### 4. Electrical Wiring and Appliances

- a) If a fireworks stand is operated at night, only electric lights may be used
- b) Wiring attached to the booth must be installed by a licensed electrical contractor and shall meet the minimum requirements of the California Electrical Code and the Salinas City Code.
- c) Open splices are prohibited and all wiring must be protected from physical damage and weather.
- d) No “Christmas” lights shall be used in or around the fireworks stand. Exposed light bulbs shall be protected with covers, cages or screens.
- e) All temporary electrical cables and cords and portable appliances shall meet the requirements of the National Electrical Code.
- f) Portable electric generator locations shall be at least 50 ft. away from the booth. No ‘hot fueling’ of generators is allowed, and fuel is not allowed in or near the booth.

### 5. Exits

- a) Booths shall have no less than 2 exits.
- b) Each stand in excess of 40 ft. in length shall have at least 3 exits spaced approximately equidistant apart; provided, however, that in no case shall the distance between exits exceed 24 ft. apart.
- c) Exit doors shall not be less than 24 in. wide and 6 ft. in height and shall swing in the direction of exit travel.
- d) The counter shall **not** be considered an exit.
- e) Exit path shall be free and clear of all obstructions and fireworks at all times.

### 6. Location

- a) Booths shall be located so as to not endanger persons, buildings, structures, property, vegetation, automotive vehicles and/or equipment.
- b) A 10 ft. area surrounding the fireworks booth must be cleared of dried vegetation and must be maintained.
- c) No other items, including food or drink, may be sold in conjunction with or within 30 ft. of a fireworks booth.
- d) No fireworks stand shall be located closer than 10 ft. from any public roadway unless the rear of the fireworks stand is positioned against a curb that faces the primary use on that parcel and the fireworks stand is positioned to allow for the safe use of the parking lot and to allow for the free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the parcel.

## II - RETAILER REQUIREMENTS

### 1. General Retailer Requirements

- a) A copy of this guideline shall be posted at a readily visible location in the booth, and every worker in the booth shall have signed the signature sheet indicating that they have read and understand the guideline.
- b) All permits, licenses, and certificates shall be posted in the booth during operation, and are subject to inspection by an officer of the fire or police department or other authorized persons.

### 2. Fireworks Discharge

- a) No fireworks may be discharged within 300 ft. of a fireworks sales booth.
- b) State-approved fireworks are allowed to be used on private property only.
- c) Fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or otherwise used on public property without a permit from the Salinas Fire Department.
- d) Ignition of fireworks shall not endanger persons, buildings, structures, property, vegetation, automotive vehicles and/or equipment.
- e) Ignition of fireworks shall not take place before **the 28th day of June or after the 5th day of July.**

### 3. Age and Number of Persons in the Fireworks Booth

- a) No person under the age of 18 shall sell or participate in the sale of safe and sane fireworks or be in the fireworks booth.
- b) No person other than the individuals who are members or volunteers of the permittee organization or the spouses, parents or adult children of such members shall sell or otherwise participate in the sale or display of safe and sane fireworks at such fireworks stand.
- c) Booths should have at least one adult and one other person over 18 years of age in the booth at all times.

### 4. Conditions of Purchase

- a) Consumer must be at least 18 years of age in order to purchase any type of fireworks.

### 5. Training

- a) Each year, one or more representatives from each organization that is issued a permit to display for sale or to sell safe and sane fireworks shall attend a stand operator safety seminar conducted by the City of Salinas Fire Department or the fireworks industry.
- b) The organization representative shall ensure that all of the stand operators that handle consumer fireworks receive safety training related to the performance of their duties.

### 6. Fireworks Booth

Firework booths shall be inspected and approved by the Authority having Jurisdiction prior to opening for business.

#### a) Fire Protection:

- I. Each fireworks booth shall be provided with at least 1 approved pressurized "water type" (minimum rating 2A) fire extinguisher with a California inspection tag that shows the fire extinguisher has been serviced within the past year..
- II. Each adult shall read the operating instructions on the fire extinguisher.

#### b) "NO SMOKING" Requirements:

- I. Smoking shall not be permitted inside or within 50 ft. of the consumer fireworks retail sales area.
- II. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be prominently displayed on all sides of the fireworks stand, in both English and Spanish. Each sign shall have the words "NO SMOKING" in red letters not less than 2 in.es in height with a minimum one-half (½) in. stroke.
- III. All signage must be securely attached to the booth. Tape is not acceptable.
- IV. Matches, lighters and other sources of ignition shall not be located in booths or on booth premises.

#### c) Display of Fireworks in Booths.

- I. Only fireworks obtained from a California State Fire Marshal approved Wholesaler, which appear on the approved list of that calendar year, shall be displayed in booths and on booth premises.
- II. Storage shall be neat and orderly.

**7. Portable Generators**

- a) Portable generators shall be located not less than 50 ft. from the consumer fireworks retail sales facility.
- b) Generator fuels shall not be stored less than 50 ft. from the consumer fireworks booth, and shall be limited to not more than 5 gallons.
- c) Where the generator fuel storage is located greater than 50 ft. from the consumer fireworks booth, the quantity of such fuel shall not be limited.
- d) Only approved gasoline containers shall be used for fueling the generators and shall not be left on the premises.

**8. Cooking Equipment**

- a) Cooking equipment of any type shall not be permitted within 20 ft. of booths, used for the storage or sale of consumer fireworks.
- b) Open flame cooking equipment of any type shall not be allowed within 50 ft. of booths used for the storage or sale of consumer fireworks.

**9. Parking**

- a) No motor vehicle or trailer parking within 10 ft. of a fireworks retail booth.
- b) No motor vehicle or trailer used for the storage or transportation of consumer fireworks shall be parked within 20 ft. of a fireworks retail booth, except when delivering, loading, or unloading fireworks or other merchandise and materials used, stored, or displayed for sale in the booth.

**10. Security**

- a) On closing of the fireworks stand each day, all fireworks must be removed from the booth and taken to a secured storage location, which has been approved by the Salinas Fire Department.
- b) All trash and debris resulting from the operation of the fireworks stand must be removed on a daily basis.
- c) All unsold stock of fireworks held by the permittee after 10:00 P.M. on July 5 shall be returned to the distributor or wholesaler immediately.
- d) There shall be no storage permitted at any location or in any vehicle, unless the location or vehicle is approved for that use.

**11. Records**

Records shall be maintained on available inventory at the secured storage location.



