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Fireworks Display Owners and/or Operators

Attached is a copy of the regulations and Special Use Occupancy Permit Application that must be completed and submitted prior to operating a fireworks display within the fire district. The permit fee for the 2026 season is \$250.00.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 636-970-9700.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Jordan
Deputy Chief-Fire Marshal

**DOCUMENT CHECKLIST
2026 FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

- ☐ \$250.00 check made payable to Central County Fire & Rescue
- ☐ Special Use Occupancy Permit Application
- ☐ Notarized letter dated in 2026 from the owner of the property authorizing the fireworks display at the permit address.
- ☐ Copy of a 2026 Missouri Division of Fire Safety Fireworks Shooting License on each employee involved with the fireworks shoot.
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- ☐ Copy of 2026 Missouri Division of Fire Safety Fireworks Distributor License.
- ☐ Copy of 2026 Certificate of Insurance.
- ☐ 1,000,000 Surety Bond or Public Liability Policy
- ☐ Information on the fireworks shoot

Date and time of show

- ☐ Inventory of all fireworks including sizes
- ☐ Map displaying the shooting location and safety zones
- ☐ Firing method of the show.
- ☐ On-site contact numbers of shooting staff

SPECIAL USE OCCUPANCY PERMIT

Date: _____ Permit Number _____

Address: _____

Business Name: _____

The below listed individual/business hereby makes application for a Special Use Occupancy Permit; to occupy a temporary structure within the confines of Central County Fire and Rescue.

Owner name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Said structure shall comply with all applicable requirements of Central County Fire and Rescue, International Fire and Building Codes PRIOR to the issuance of this permit.
Special use occupancy shall be limited to:

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

24 HOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTIES:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Expiration date of permit: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Inspected & Approved by: _____

Date: _____

SPECIAL USE FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Applications for a Special Use Occupancy Permit shall include the following, prior to issuance of said permit:

1. A letter from the owner of the property on which the shoot is to occur authorizing the operations of a fireworks shoot on the property, dated and notarized not earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the date of application.
2. The permit fee for fireworks stand has been set at two hundred – fifty dollars (\$250.00) for 2026.
3. All personnel who will be in close proximity to the display operations site will be required to have a license from the Station of Missouri Division of Fire Safety. The license must be provided at the time of application and will be verified on site during the inspection. No by-standers, assistants, unlicensed or other personnel will be allowed.
4. The safety distance required based on the size of the shells used must be within the entire property of the person who has granted permission of fireworks display. Based on weather conditions and/or other circumstances it will be up to the discretion of the fire code official who performs the inspection the day of the event to require additional safety distance requirements.
5. Monitors shall be positioned around the display site to prevent spectators or any other unauthorized persons from entering the display site. Delineators or barriers shall be used to aid in crowd control.
6. Once the pyrotechnic inventory has arrived on site, all occupation of the established safety zone and operations other than that associated with setting up the display will cease within the safety zone.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Display Location:

Sponsor:

Display Date(s):

Operator:

License No:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Fire Department:

Local AHJ Contacted ☐

PERSONNEL

- ☐ Verify display operator identity
- ☐ Verify information on the identity and ages of all assistants
- ☐ Appropriate protective gear available for persons manually discharging firework

SECURITY

- ☐ Verify site security of storage area, discharge area, display area and fallout area as indicated on approved plan.
- ☐ Fireworks storage is in an approved manner and location
- ☐ Verify arrangements for traffic and crowd control

MORTAR INSPECTION

- ☐ Cast iron, stove pipe, culvert, clay, bamboo, and wood mortars prohibited
- ☐ Mortars are inspected prior to use for defects, debris, etc.
- ☐ Base plugs are securely attached to bottom of mortars
- ☐ Mortars are aimed over fallout area and away from spectators
- ☐ Mortars properly buried to at least 2/3 of their overall length

RACK INSPECTION

- ☐ Racks can have no more than (a) 15: 3" mortars, (b) 12: 4" mortars, (c) 10: 5" or 6" mortars
- ☐ Mortar racks or bundles that are not inherently stable shall be secured or braced by means of stakes, legs, A-frames, side-boards, or equivalent means

DRUM/TROUGH INSPECTION

- ☐ Troughs and drums shall be filled with sand or soft dirt and, in all cases, shall be free of stones or other potentially dangerous debris
- ☐ Troughs shall be reinforced or braced in a minimum of two places on the sides at intervals not greater than every 4'
- ☐ A separation distance of at least 2" or one-half the diameter of the mortar, whichever is greater, shall be required between the mortar and the wall of the trough or drum
- ☐ Mortars are buried in trough or drum to 2/3 of their overall length

FIREWORKS DISPLAY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

AERIAL SHELL INSPECTION

- ☐ Operator examines shells for damage
- ☐ Operator sizes shell for proper fit in mortars

DISPLAY AREA INSPECTION

- ☐ Location is as per approved site plan
_____ = diameter of largest shell to be fired during display
- ☐ Minimum site size requirements per NFPA 1123 (*radius of 70 feet per inch of largest shell diameter*)
Table 5.1.3.1 "Distance from Mortars to Spectators":

Mortar Size:	3"	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"	12"
Minimum Secured Diameter of Site:	420'	560'	700'	840'	980'	1120'	1400'	1680'

- ☐ Angled mortars may be 1/3 of the distance closer to the spectator areas to allow for wind but the secured area size does not change
- ☐ Arrangements provided to secure fallout area when shell loading begins

ELECTRICALLY-FIRED DISPLAY INSPECTION

- ☐ Electrical firing units shall be manufactured specifically for use in the electrical ignition of pyrotechnic devices or explosives
- ☐ Manual electrical firing units shall have at least two positive actions necessary to apply a firing current
- ☐ Firing panel located a minimum of 75' from mortars
- ☐ Mortars located within unobstructed full view of operator

MANUALLY FIRED DISPLAY INSPECTION

- ☐ Safety caps protecting fuses remain in place until immediately before firing

READY BOXES

- ☐ Approved ready boxes must be weather-resistant container to protect from burning debris with a self-closing cover or equivalent means of closure
- ☐ Ready boxes are located more than 25 feet upwind of the closest mortar

Inspection By:

Inspection Date:

☐ Display Approved

☐ Display Not Approved

Re-Inspection Date Scheduled:

Re-Inspection By:

Re-Inspection Date:

☐ Display Approved After Re-Inspection

☐ Display Not Approved After Re-Inspection