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PYROTECHNICS – OUTDOOR DISPLAY

These guidelines shall be followed when a business, group, or other entity **within the City of Anna or the Anna Fire Department’s response district**, requests the use and display of pyrotechnics, commonly referred to as “fireworks.”

All pyrotechnic storage, use, and/or display criteria for the purposes of these guidelines and any other guidelines or requirements of the Anna Fire Marshal’s Office shall conform to the 2015 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by the City of Anna, Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

These guidelines do not replace, nor do they supersede any codes and/or ordinances adopted by the City of Anna, or determinations and positions of the Anna Fire Marshal’s Office.

Defined by International Fire Code: Fireworks shall mean any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect for entertainment purposes by combustion, deflagration, and detonation, and/or activated by ignition with a match or other heat-producing device meeting the definition of 1.4G fireworks or 1.3G fireworks as set forth herein.

General Requirements

- It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association to sell, manufacture, store, handle, and use any fireworks within the City limits of the City of Anna.

Exceptions:

- *The use, storage, and handling of fireworks for approved display as permitted by the Anna Fire Marshal’s Office*
- *The possession of fireworks otherwise allowed by State Law*
- The sale, manufacture, storage, handling, and use of fireworks are prohibited outside the city limits for a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet, provided that the territory encompassed within the five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. A violation of this ordinance is declared to be a common and public nuisance.
- The owner, lessee, or occupant of the property or structure where fireworks are being stored or used shall be deemed responsible for violation of this section.
- Before the performance of any production, the operator shall submit a plan for the use of pyrotechnics to the Anna Fire Prevention Division (Fire Marshal’s Office) for review.
- The addition of pyrotechnics to a performance or any change in the presentation of pyrotechnics, excluding the reduction in the number or size of the devices, shall require approval by the Anna Fire Marshal’s Office.
- For displays, compliance is required with the following:
 - a) 2015 IFC
 - b) Texas Occupational Code Chapter 2154, Regulation of Fireworks & Fireworks Displays & 28 TAC 34.800 for licensing

- c) Current Editions of NFPA 1123, 1124, 1126, and/or 160
- d) ATF Federal Explosive Law and Regulations and DOT regulations
- All pyrotechnic assistants shall be at least 18 years of age.
- All plans shall be submitted as soon as possible so that the Anna Fire Prevention Division is provided adequate time to be present and to notify other interested parties.
- Based upon the location and size of the pyrotechnic display, a Fire Watch may be required throughout the duration of the display. This shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Anna Fire Marshal's Office.

Submittal Requirements – Outdoor Display

- Each submittal shall include:
 - A completed Anna FD Fire Protection Permit Application
 - A copy of your Texas State Fire Marshal's Office Pyrotechnics license
 - A copy of your ATF fireworks license
 - A copy of Texas State Driver's License with H/X Endorsement of individual who will be transporting Aerial Fireworks
 - Proof of Insurance including general liability, auto liability, worker's comp, and additional insured listed as the City of Anna with all limits indicated
- Provide a copy of your Texas State Fire Marshal's Office Pyrotechnic permit indicating the following:
 - Quantity of each type of pyrotechnics device (i.e. mortar, flash-bank, aerial, etc.)
 - Total amount of 1.4G and/or 1.3G fireworks
 - The name, address, email address, and phone number of the individual, group, or organization sponsoring the outdoor fireworks display
 - The name, address, email address, and phone number of the supplier of the fireworks (if different from that of the operator)
 - The date and time of day at which the outdoor fireworks display is to be held, with a proposed rain/wind date and time in the event the display is postponed
 - The exact location planned for the outdoor fireworks display
 - Location and type of storage magazine and location and type of fireworks kept on site
 - Number of assistants who are to be present
 - Means of site security
 - The manner and place of storage of such fireworks prior to delivery to the outdoor fireworks display site
- Provide a diagram of the grounds on which the outdoor fireworks display is to be held showing the following:
 - Fireworks discharge point
 - Location of all buildings, highways, and other public rights of ways
 - Location of other possible overhead obstructions
 - Any significant ground features
 - Parking areas
 - Spectator viewing areas
 - Location of fireworks storage areas
 - Fallout zone including dimensions in feet
 - North arrow and location of significant roadways, including access and control points
 - Traffic plans indicating the flow of vehicles into and out of the site before and after the display
 - Location of emergency vehicle staging areas and access routes

Pre-Show Review and Scheduled Activation

- A walk-through inspection of the pyrotechnics and review of the site location shall be conducted by a Fire Inspector before the arrival of the audience.
- The pre-show inspection shall include a review of the following:
 - Fire extinguishers and/or other fire protection
 - Fireworks storage location and magazine
 - Detonation devices
 - Separation distance between the audience and the pyrotechnic devices
 - Exits and means of egress
 - Licenses and trained personnel on-site
- A Fire Inspector shall be present for the scheduled activation. All personnel costs shall be paid by the individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association responsible for the display.