

HERNANDO COUNTY  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Key No. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Display \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Display \_\_\_\_\_ Inclement Weather Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Display \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Amount of Fireworks and Kinds \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Limits of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Manner and Place of Storage of Fireworks prior to delivery to Display Site \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons in Charge of Actual Display \_\_\_\_\_

Firing Line & Operator Qualifications per N.F. P.A.-1123 Chapter 7 \_\_\_\_\_

**THE APPLICANT AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN FIREWORKS WHETHER THEY BE FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND AS STATED HEREIN SAID APPLICATION.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**State of** \_\_\_\_\_ **County of** \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument has been sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me \_\_\_\_\_, or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Seal

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APPROVALS

Zoning Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_

County Sheriff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## HERNANDO COUNTY FIREWORKS DISPLAY GUIDELINES AND PERMIT PROCEDURES

The procedures set forth in this document are the minimum requirements necessary to ensure a timely review and issuance of a permit as applied for.

*Special or display fireworks:* Large fireworks designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation. This term includes, but is not limited to, firecrackers containing more than two (2) grains (130 mg) of explosive composition, aerial shells containing more than forty (40) grains of pyrotechnic composition, and other display pieces which exceed the limits for classification as "common fireworks" or which are classified as Class B explosives by the United States Department of Transportation

*Permit requirements for public displays.* Permits for supervised public display of fireworks in the unincorporated area of the county by fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations, groups, or individuals may be granted by the zoning department in accordance with this article and any applicable Florida Statutes. The following conditions shall apply to any permit granted hereunder:

1. An application for permits shall be made in writing on a form provided by the county zoning department at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the date of the fireworks event.
2. Along with the application, two (2) sets of site plans will be required. These diagrams should be drawn to approximate scale and should illustrate compliance with the following:
  - a. Display site—identify significant ground features, public rights-of-ways, significant buildings or structures, overhead obstructions, parking areas, and spectator viewing areas.
  - b. Location of fireworks storage areas
  - c. Fallout area, including dimensions
  - d. North arrow
  - e. Location of significant roadways, including access and control points
  - f. Traffic plan indicating the flow of vehicles in and out of the site before and after display
  - g. Location of emergency vehicle staging area and access routes
3. Applicant must provide the shooting teams pyrotechnic qualifications. An operator qualification review shall be conducted to determine that the individual(s) discharging the fireworks is qualified for such activities in accordance with NFPA, Florida Statutes, and the following:
  - a. Current state fire marshal license or permit pursuant to Florida Statutes, chapter 552, as a manufacturer, distributor, user or blaster of explosives, and/or
  - b. Professional pyrotechnic fireworks shooting instruction, minimum of eighty (80) hours documented training and five (5) years documented experience.
4. *Evidence of financial responsibility.* An insurance policy showing general, comprehensive, liability, and property damage insurance coverage with minimum policy limits as prescribed by the office of risk management for the county.
5. *Indemnity agreement.* The entity making application for the permit, or the individual applying for their permit, shall execute an indemnity agreement which will be provided with the permit application, holding the county and its employees, the sheriff's department, its officers and employees, harmless from any and all claims occurring out of the use of such permit.

Upon completion of the formal permit application and required supplementary documents, the application shall be submitted to the zoning department along with a nonrefundable fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The zoning department will disseminate and coordinate the application to the county sheriff's office, the commercial fire inspector, and other applicable county departments and other agencies for review and comment.

The zoning department administrative official, or designee, has the authority to deny, or grant the permit application with conditions. The zoning department administrative official shall consider the comments and recommendations made by those departments, offices and agencies reviewing the application, information supplied by the applicant and any other information deemed relevant in making its decision a determination regarding the permit application. Upon denial or approval of the application, the applicant will be notified in writing of the decision along with any required conditions of approval.

**HERNANDO COUNTY FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT OF INDEMNITY** entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "Indemnitor", and the County of Hernando and the Sheriff's Office of Hernando County, hereinafter called "Indemnitee";

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the indemnitor has requested of the Indemnitee permission to discharge fireworks at:

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Hernando County Board of county Commissioners has granted to the Indemnitor a permit to and permission to discharge fireworks on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_ at (location)

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
conditioned upon the execution of a good and sufficient Indemnity Agreement to save and hold harmless the County and the Sheriff from any and all claims, suits, actions at law, demands or other liabilities which may arise or accrue against the County or the Sheriff as a result of said fireworks discharge or fireworks display, or any and all associated activities by the Indemnitor.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the grant of the requested part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Indemnitor, and each of them for themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally do hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and maintain indemnified the Indemnitees, and hold and save harmless the said Indemnitees from and against all loss and damage (including damage to person or property, be they private or public, arising from anything done by, associated with or negligence of, the Indemnitor, its subcontractors, the offices, agents or employees of it while engaged in said fireworks discharge, display, or any and all associated activities. And the Indemnitor further agrees to indemnify the Indemnitees against any suits, actions or actions at law or in equity which may be brought against the Indemnitees, the Board of County Commissioners, their employees, the Sheriff's Office and their personnel, individual or otherwise, to recover damages for accidents, negligence or occurrences growing out of or arising from, said fireworks discharge, display or any and all activities or from any other cause, or any proceedings that may be taken against the Indemnitees, individually or otherwise, arising therefore, and to save them harmless therefrom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto submitted our names and affixed our respective seals the day, month and year first above written.

INDEMNITOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

INDEMNITEE: Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, FL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Official-Dev.Dept.

INDEMNITEE: Hernando County Sheriff's Office

BY: \_\_\_\_\_