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LETTER TO FIREWORKS, PYROTECHNICS AND FLAME EFFECTS EXHIBITION PERMIT APPLICANTS

Approval of your application is contingent upon the following stipulations and conditions:

1. The application for the permit is submitted at least five days in advance of the event (OFC 3308, 3311, 3312).
2. The applicant submits a plan that includes the following documents (OFC 3308, 3311, 3312):
 - A listing of each device being used. For fireworks, specify the class with the number of set pieces, and shells (specify single or multiple break) including experimental rockets or missiles. For flame effects list the amount and type of fuel being used and how it is stored.
 - A Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS) for each type of device to be used.
 - Certifications that the set, scenery, and rigging materials are treated with appropriate flame retardant.
 - A diagram of the event site that shows each device location, the fallout radius for each device, and the audience restraint lines. Outdoors exhibitions must also include locations of all buildings, highways, railroads, or other inhabited structures within 1000 feet of the discharge and potential landing site.
 - A copy of the exhibitor's valid license issued by the Ohio State Fire Marshall.
 - A signed, completed copy of the "Application for Pyrotechnics, Flame and Special Effects Permit."
 - A letter showing the amount of explosives being shipped (in pounds).
3. Evidence that the permit holder, and/or the company actually operating the pyrotechnics, has liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000. The clause "additional insured: the City of Columbus, Ohio, and its employees, agents, and servants." must be included in that document (CCC 2532).
4. Before a permit is approved, a representative demonstration of the pyrotechnic special effects shall be given to the satisfaction of the fire official. The demonstration shall be scheduled with enough time allowed to reset / reload the effects before the arrival of the audience (CCC 2532).
5. At the time of application, the permit applicant must pay a fire prevention inspection fee of \$100.00 for a pyrotechnic/Flame permit or \$150.00 for fireworks permits (CCC 2502).
6. A special inspection fee will be charged, any time the permit applicant schedules the required demonstration, or an exhibition that requires the presence of an inspector, outside of the Fire Prevention Bureau's normal business hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. When the inspection is not contiguous with the inspector's normal shift, a four-hour minimum will be charged. The permit applicant shall pay the special inspection fee at the time the special inspection is performed (CCC 2502).

Approval of your application will begin only upon receipt of the completed application package, payment of fees, and a satisfactory demonstration. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Coordinator 645-7641 ext. 5620, 5627.

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