Scope:
The purpose of this policy is to delineate the requirements for the outdoor display of fireworks within the City of Fort Collins, the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District, and the Town of Timnath. These requirements are promulgated in accordance with International Fire Code Chapter 56 for the City of Fort Collins, Town of Timnath and the Fire District. For the purposes of this policy, outdoor fireworks displays shall be defined as the use of "Special Fireworks" for outdoor entertainment. The use, storage and discharge of "Common and Permissible Fireworks" are prohibited in the City of Fort Collins, Town of Timnath and in the Fire District.

In addition to the special requirements described below, all storage, use and discharge of fireworks during outdoor displays shall be in accordance with NFPA 1123 Code for the Outdoor Display of Fireworks.

Policy:
Special Requirements

1. All outdoor fireworks displays must be conducted in accordance with a valid permit issued by Poudre Fire Authority (PFA). Application for this permit must be made a minimum of 15 working days before the scheduled display. A nonrefundable fee of $150 shall be paid by the permittee at the time of issuance.

2. The permit shall only be issued to a qualified and approved Pyrotechnic Operator. It shall be the responsibility of this Operator to provide all required information and to be responsible for all aspects of the display regulated by the permit. The display's sponsor may assist the Operator in securing the Permit, but the ultimate responsibility for the display shall be that of the Operator.
3. To be approved as Pyrotechnic Operator an individual must show proof that he/she has sufficient training and experience to plan and operate a display safely and in accordance with established standards. This proof may include licenses from other jurisdictions or states, results of examinations, professional accreditation, experience in similar displays and reference. No permit shall be issued to an Operator that has a record of criminal conviction of fireworks and/or explosives statutes in any state or jurisdiction.

4. The Operator shall provide an insurance bond or proof of liability insurance in an amount of no less than $1,000,000. Depending on the display location, the City of Fort Collins, Town of Timnath and/or Poudre Valley Fire District and PFA must be named as co-insured.

5. The Operator shall present evidence of a legal right to use the property designated for the display, including the discharge site and fallout area.

6. Fireworks storage is prohibited in the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Timnath; therefore, all fireworks shall be transported to the display site at setup time. All vehicles used to transport fireworks shall conform to all DOT requirements and state and local hazardous materials transportation laws.

7. Upon the receipt of the application PFA shall make an inspection of the proposed display site for the purpose of determining whether the site meets the provisions of NFPA 1123. The operator shall have a representative present during this inspection, if possible.

8. The operator and/or sponsor are responsible for providing fire protection for the discharge site and fallout area. This may range from a minimum one PFA fire watch at the discharge site to firefighters and fire apparatus for large, complicated displays. The Operator shall be responsible for the cost of this fire protection.

9. All outdoor fireworks displays shall be fired electronically. Exceptions may be considered to manually fire displays as approved by the PFA.

10. The discharge site and fallout area shall be secured against unauthorized entry. The Operator and/or sponsor shall provide an adequate number of monitors to maintain site security.

11. Operator shall be at least 21 years of age. Assistants shall be at least 18 years of age.

12. Fireworks displays are prohibited during times when an Open Burning Ban is in effect. If a permit has been issued, it shall be revoked if a state or local Open Burning Ban, which includes the display site location, is in effect at the time of the display. Any exemption to this must be in writing from the official who imposed the Burning Ban.

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