



City of McPherson Fire Department

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City of McPherson Fire Department Retail Fireworks Stand Requirements

1. Retailer must submit, to the City of McPherson Fire Department, an inventory of what fireworks will be sold at the tent and have that inventory approved, prior to inspection.
2. A site diagram of where the tent will sit with dimensions of the tent must be submitted to the City of McPherson Fire Department and approved prior to inspection. Retail fireworks tents must be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure and 100 feet from residential structures.
3. Storage vessels must also be kept a minimum of 50 feet from any structure, empty or not, and must have proper DOT placarding visible.
4. All tents must be at least 30 feet from any road right of way or highway right of ways.
5. A copy of the Certificate of Flame Resistance for the tent that will be used in the selling of the fireworks must be supplied to the City of McPherson Fire Department. Tents that do not have a Certificate of Flame Resistance cannot be used in the selling of fireworks within the City of McPherson.
6. Each tent is required to have a 20-foot-wide barricade constructed around all 4 sides of the tent to prevent vehicles from parking next to the tent to prevent vehicles from parking next to the tent.
7. NFPA 704 placards are to be placed on the outside of all 4 sides of the tent where they are easily visible by responding emergency personnel.
8. An occupant load sign determining the maximum number of occupants per the 2009 International Fire Code must be easily visible to the public and emergency personnel.
9. NO SMOKING signs must be placed on the outside of all 4 sides of the tent and a minimum of 2 NO SMOKING signs on the interior of the tent.
10. Each tent is required to have a minimum of 2 exits. These exits are to be located away from each other and are to be a minimum of 6 feet wide. Depending on the occupant load, more than 2 exits may be required.

11. Each tent is required to have a minimum of 2 fire extinguishers, no less than 2A 10BC in size. Depending on the size of the tent, more fire extinguishers may be required. Fire extinguishers that do not have a current service inspection tag will not be accepted.
12. Aisle widths must be a minimum of 44 inches wide.
13. Use of extension cords will be limited to commercial grade heavy duty outdoor cords and must have trip protection. Multi-plug adapters are prohibited.
14. Portable generators are required to be located no less than 20 feet away from the tent. A barricade is to be constructed around the generator to prevent the public from coming in contact with it. Fuel for the portable generator is to be stored a minimum of 50 feet away from the tent.
15. Any outdoor cooking must be at a minimum distance of 50 feet from the fireworks tent.
16. Any fireworks deemed illegal will be confiscated by the City of McPherson Fire Department inspector.
17. Any deviation from these requirements could result in the fire permit either not being issued or, if already issued, revoked.
18. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the City of McPherson Fire Department prior to the sale dates.