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**VERIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION  
TO PURCHASE AND RECEIVE SHIPMENT  
OF AERIAL FIREWORKS  
FOR DISPLAY OR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES**

By signature below, the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Virginia, confirms that:

- \_\_\_\_\_ has notified the County that it will conduct a fireworks display at \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, 227\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. p.m. and end prior to 11:30 p.m.
- The County of Madison has no local ordinance imposing regulations on the storage, use, display or sale of fireworks. The proposed fireworks display, and any shipment of fireworks to \_\_\_\_\_, for that display, is lawful under our local ordinances.\*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman  
Madison County Board of  
Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Sheriff  
E911  
EMS

\* The County of Madison **requires** individuals and organizations who will be conducting a fireworks display to comply with the minimum terms and conditions set forth in the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and the referenced NFPA 11-23-00 standard governing the use, storage and firing of display fireworks.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE/DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS  
IN MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

May 1, 2007

The County of Madison, Virginia currently has no local ordinances regulating the storage, use, display or sale of fireworks, or requiring any local permit(s) for those activities. The County does not currently provide local enforcement of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

As required by the Code of Virginia, §27-97, the Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) issues permits for the storage, use and sale of explosives in our area, and investigates related complaints. With respect to fireworks, the SFMO issues permits for firework displays at state-owned sites only. For more information, contact the SFMO at [sfmo@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sfmo@dhcd.virginia.gov) or call 804-371-7170. For information on blaster certification and/or background clearance cards call (804) 371-7185.

From the Virginia Department of Fire Programs web site at <https://www.vafire.com/state-fire-marshals-office/permits/fireworks-and-flame-effects/> on June 27, 2018:

*For information on state firework permits and pyrotechnician certification, contact the State Fire Marshal at [statefiremarshal@vdfp.virginia.gov](mailto:statefiremarshal@vdfp.virginia.gov) or 804-371-0220.*

## **Fireworks**

Permits for firework displays are obtained from one of three sources.

A permit may be obtained through the [local fire official](#) that has been appointed by the locality to administer and enforce the Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

If a locality has not appointed a local fire official to administer and enforce the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, a permit may be obtained from the locality through statutory authority granted to the locality by the following Code of Virginia section:

- § 15.2-974. Permits for display of fireworks; use and exhibitions. The governing bodies of the several counties, cities and towns shall have the power to provide for the issuance of permits for the display of fireworks by fair associations, amusement parks, or by any organization or group of individuals, under the minimum terms and conditions set forth in the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.) and any additional terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the locality. Any association, organization, or group that has been issued a permit may purchase and make use of fireworks under the terms and conditions of such permit.

For firework displays conducted on state-owned property or within state-owned buildings, permits are to be obtained through the State Fire Marshal's Office. Other than for what occurs on state-owned property or within a state-owned building, the State Fire Marshal's Office does not issue firework display permits for displays within any city, county or town.

## **Permissible Fireworks**

[Virginia 2018 Fireworks Submission Form](#)

[Virginia 2018 Approved Permissible Fireworks List](#)

## **Flame Effects**

While a permit is required for Flame Effects inside state-owned buildings and outdoors on state-owned property before a proximate audience, flame effect operators are not required to be certified by the SFPC and are not included as part of the Pyrotechnician certification program.

An application for permit to operate flame effects is provided below under "Forms".

## Publications

- [Free Viewing of the complete set of Virginia Building and Fire Codes](#)
- [Candidate Information Bulletin \(CIB\) on Pyrotechnician Certification Examination Service](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\) on the Virginia SFMO Pyrotechnician certification process \(Updated 3 January 2018\)](#)
- To verify the status of a Certified Blaster or Pyrotechnician, please contact John Cullinane, RCIP-LSC Program Coordinator at (804) 612-7270 or the SFMO at (804) 371-0220.

## Forms

- [SFPC Application for BONFIRE](#)
- [SFPC Application for NFPA 160 Flame Effects](#) Inside State-owned Buildings and Outdoors on State-owned Property Before a Proximate Audience
- [SFPC Application for NFPA 1123 Display Fireworks \(Aerial\)](#) on State-owned Property
- [SFPC Application for NFPA 1126 Pyrotechnics](#) Inside State-owned Buildings and Outdoors on State-owned Property Before a Proximate Audience
- [Application for Replacement Certification or BCC Card](#)