



**Retail Firework Permit Application**  
**ADAMS COUNTY**  
**BUILDING AND PLANNING**  
 449 E CEDAR BLVD OTHELLO WA, 99344  
 509-488-9441

**PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Group or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SALES & STORAGE INFORMATION**

Type of Sales Structure:		Stand		Tent		Other
Event of Sales:		July 4th		New Year's Eve		Both
Size of Structure: (Sq. Ft. or Dimensions): _____						
Storage Location of Fireworks:		On Site		Off Site		

**SITE INFORMATION AND LOCATION**

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Parcel ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit # FIR \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Issued Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Fee: \$100.00 (per event)**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Use this checklist to be sure you have everything needed to submit a complete application. All items listed are required and must be submitted together. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Complete applications must be received no later than June 10th each year.**

- Retail Firework Application
- Accurate to Scale Site Plan
- Copy of State License
- Letter of Authorization from Property Owner
- Certificate of Bond or Insurance
- \$100.00 per event  
(Payable by check or credit card)

Legal Description and Tax Parcel Number can be found on your tax statement, the Adams County web site <https://www.co.adams.wa.us> or by calling the Assessor's office at 509-659-3200.

**Applications cannot be processed without this information.**

*I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:*

1. *I have read and examined this Retail Firework Application.*
2. *The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.*
3. *I am the owner(s), or the authorized agent(s) of the owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this application.*
4. *I am aware of and agree to comply with all requirements of the State Fireworks Law (RCW 70.77) and the rules and regulations of the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (WAC 212-17)*

Print Name: _____	Date: _____
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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE FOR RETAIL FIREWORK  
APPLICATION**

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Application for a Retail Firework Permit can be submitted to the Adams County Building and Planning Department each calendar year. Applications that are incomplete will not be accepted. See reverse side for checklist of required items.

**SITE PLAN**

- A site plan depicting the layout and setup of the sales structure is required. The maximum size allowed for a site plan is 11" x 17". Give plan scale and clearly indicate north arrow.
- Include name of applicant and tax parcel ID number on the site plan.
- Specify what type of structure will be used, including all sizes and dimensions.
- Show location and distance from any existing structures, and public or private access roads.
- Include any specific information pertaining to the site such as, sloping, dirt, grass, gravel or asphalt surfacing, etc.
- Indicate use of adjacent properties, i.e. pasture, woods, vacant lots, commercial, etc.

**PERMIT FEES**

A retail firework permit fee of \$100.00 shall be paid at the time of application.

**PERMIT ISSUANCE**

You will be notified when the retail firework permit is ready for issuance.

**OPENING INSPECTION**

An opening inspection must occur prior to opening for business to the public. Inspections will be before noon on June 28th or the previous business day.

**STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF RETAIL FIREWORKS STANDS**

**SALES:**

**RCW 70.77.395 Retailers of fireworks—General provisions.**

- Fireworks may be sold from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. on June 28 through 9:00 p.m. on July 5.
- Fireworks may not be sold between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. from June 28 through July 3. Fireworks may not be sold from 11:00 p.m. on July 4 through 9:00 a.m. on July 5.
- Fireworks may be sold from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. on each day from the 27th of December through the 31st of December of each year.
- Licensees shall familiarize all persons working in a retail firework stand with the provisions of these rules.
- Failure to comply at any time with the provisions of this rule or any other applicable regulation shall constitute a violation of chapter 70.77 RCW and may result in the temporary suspension or

immediate revocation of the license or permit, closure of the fireworks sales or storage structure, the seizure and/or forfeiture of some or all of the fireworks, and other criminal penalties as specified by law.

**APPROVED FIREWORKS:**

- Only Division 1.4G consumer fireworks, obtained from state-licensed wholesalers, not otherwise prohibited by chapter 70.77 RCW or local ordinance, and holiday related products incidental but related to these products, may be sold in retail fireworks stands.

**FIREWORKS STAND LOCATIONS:**

**WAC 212-17-21509 Retailers of fireworks-Location.**

- (1) Activities or uses subject to this rule shall not be limited in location except where such activities or uses are prohibited or controlled by local development regulation, traffic safety or road construction standards.
- (2) Temporary retail fireworks stand shall not be located more than one hundred fifty feet from a private way, fire department access road, public road, street or highway as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the stand. The minimum requirements for a private way shall be determined by the local authority having jurisdiction, but shall not exceed the requirements of locally adopted street, road and access standards.
- (3) Retail fireworks stands shall be at least one hundred feet apart or shall be separated by a road, street or highway not less than thirty feet in width.
- (4) Retail fireworks stands shall be located as required by Table 212-17-21509 in this section. The minimum required area surrounding the stand shall be marked or flagged, except that flagging and marking shall not block a sidewalk or pedestrian pathway. Flagging need not exceed twenty feet in any direction.

Table 212-17-21509

<b>Retail Fireworks Stands - Minimum Clearances</b>						
	Buildings	Combustibles	Property Line	Parking	MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC PUBLIC ROAD*	MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC PRIVATE ROAD*
BACK OF STAND	20 FT.	20 FT.	5 FT.	20 FT.	20 FT.	5 FT.
SIDE OF STAND	20 FT.	20 FT.	5 FT.	20 FT.	20 FT.	5 FT.
FRONT OF STAND	40 FT. 20 FT.**	40 FT. 20 FT.**	20 FT.	20 FT.	20 FT.	20 FT.

NOTE:

Clearance distances are not cumulative

\*Measured from the outer edge of the nearest traffic lane.

\*\*If stand is equipped with 135 fusible links which will automatically close all sales doors in case of fire, or is equipped with a wire-mesh screen with openings of not more than one inch which covers not less than 90% of all sales openings.

- (5) Retail fireworks stands shall not be located closer than one hundred feet from any motor vehicle dispensing station, retail propane dispensing station, flammable liquid storage, or combustible liquid storage. Retail fireworks stands shall not be located closer than three hundred feet from any bulk storage of flammable or combustible liquid or gas, including bulk plant dispensing areas.

EXCEPTION:

1. Fuel for generators as allowed by WAC [212-17-21513](#)(4).
2. Fuel within the tanks of motor vehicles.

## **SURROUNDING AREA AROUND FIREWORKS STANDS:**

### **WAC 212-17-21511 Retailers of fireworks-Area around the retail firework stand.**

- (1) The minimum areas around the retail fireworks stand specified in WAC [212-17-21509](#) shall be kept free of accumulation of dry grass, dry brush and combustible debris. No parking shall be permitted within this minimum area.
- (2) No motor vehicle or trailer may be parked within twenty feet of a retail fireworks stand except when delivering, loading or unloading fireworks.
- (3) Fireworks shall not be discharged within one hundred feet of a retail fireworks stand. Signs reading "**NO FIREWORKS DISCHARGE WITHIN 100 FEET**" in letters at least two inches high, with a principal stroke of not less than one-half inch, on contrasting background, shall be conspicuously posted on all four sides of the stand.
- (4) No smoking shall be allowed within the retail fireworks stand or within the minimum flagged off area. Signs reading "**NO SMOKING WITHIN 20 FEET**" in letters at least two inches high, with principal stroke of not less than one-half inch, on a contrasting background, shall be conspicuously posted on all four sides of the stand.

## **ELECTRICAL SUPPLY & USAGE:**

### **WAC 212-17-21513: Retailers of fireworks-Stand use and construction.**

- (1) Fireworks may be sold from:
  - (a) A permanent structure which meets provisions of WAC [212-17-21505](#)(3).
  - (b) Temporary, stable structures made from wood, metal, fiberglass or other material. Any temporary fireworks retail stand greater than four hundred square feet shall meet the requirements of a permanent structure, except tents or canopies as defined in the International Fire Code retail stand greater than four hundred square feet shall meet the requirements of a permanent structure,
  - (c) Tents, canopies, or structures utilizing temporary membrane material. All tents, canopies or Temporary membrane materials structures shall be made from fire retardant material or treated with a fire retardant as identified in the International Fire Code. Any tent, canopy or temporary membrane material structure falling within the scope of the International Fire Code shall comply with those requirements. When those requirements are in conflict with other provisions of these rules, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.
- (2) Battery powered equipment, electrical equipment and electrical cords which are used in conjunction with a retail firework stand or a temporary storage structure or location must be listed by a recognized laboratory and used in accordance with that listing. If electrical power is supplied by an extension cord, the size of the cord, the length of the cord and the amperage and the voltage supplied shall be in compliance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code, current edition. The cord shall be protected as necessary from "drive-over" and other physical damage. No additional permits from a city or county or state official having jurisdiction shall be required for these temporary uses except as specified in subsection (5) of this section.
- (3) All heating units shall be listed by a recognized testing laboratory and shall be used in accordance with the listing. Heating sources shall have "tip-over" and temperature overheat protection. All heating devices shall have sealed type elements (i.e., oil filled or water filled

radiator type). Open flame heating devices are prohibited.

- (4) Generators which use combustible fuel and which are at least twenty feet from the retail fireworks stand or the temporary fireworks storage structure shall be allowed. Generator fuel shall be limited to not more than five gallons and stored at least twenty feet from all stands.
- (5) Compliance with the National Electrical Code, current edition, shall be required for all new, permanent electrical installations, including temporary power drops, subject to possible permit fees.
- (6) Retail sales of fireworks and other products which are holiday related shall be from buildings used for no other purpose.

## **STORAGE ASSOCIATED WITH RETAIL FIREWORKS:**

### **WAC 212-17-21517      Retailers of fireworks—Temporary fireworks storage associated with the retail fireworks stand operation.**

- (1) Temporary fireworks storage is not permanent fireworks storage. Temporary fireworks storage is defined as storage associated with retail fireworks sales and may only be from June 13 through July 31 and from December 12 through January 10 of the following year. Permanent fireworks storage is associated with retail or wholesale fireworks activities when the period of time of storage is other than, or longer than that specified for temporary storage. Temporary fireworks storage shall be in accordance with this section. Permanent fireworks storage is subject to the International Fire Code and the and local ordinances.
- (2) Delivery of fireworks to a location, or storage of fireworks in a facility, not authorized by the license and permit is prohibited. If the approved storage location is outside the jurisdiction issuing the permit, the authority issuing the permit shall notify the appropriate authorities of the jurisdiction in which the storage is to be located.
- (3) A temporary fireworks storage facility or a temporary fireworks storage location shall be authorized as a part of a license and permit if it meets the requirements specified herein.
- (4) No open flames nor any type of open flame equipment shall be allowed in any temporary fireworks storage structure.
- (5) Storage of fireworks authorized by a retail license and permit is legal only during the periods specified in this section.
- (6) Fireworks may be stored:
  - (a) In a locked or secured retail fireworks stand; or
  - (b) In a locked or secured truck, container, trailer, other vehicle or anything similar which is not less than twenty feet from the retail fireworks stand during hours of retail sales; or
  - (c) In a locked or secured truck, container, trailer, other vehicle or anything similar which is not less than twenty feet from an inhabited building where the term "inhabited building" is defined as in the International Fire Code; or
  - (d) In a magazine which meets the minimum standards of Type 4 as prescribed by the International Fire Code, and which is not less than ten feet from an inhabited building where the term "inhabited building" is defined as in the International Fire Code; or
  - (e) In a locked or secured metal or wooden garage, shed, barn or other accessory building, or anything similar which is not less than:
    - 20 feet from an inhabited building for storage of fireworks for one or two retail stands; or
    - 30 feet from an inhabited building for storage of fireworks for three or more stands.The term "inhabited building" is defined as in the International Fire Code.
- (7) The local authority having jurisdiction may reduce the minimum separation requirements of this section provided that safety of life and property is not diminished.
- (8) No cooking is permitted in a retail firework stand or in a temporary fireworks storage structure.
- (9) Temporary fireworks storage structures may be inspected prior to use and other inspections may occur on other days as warranted. There shall be no additional charge for all such inspections.

- (1) At the end of the legal selling period, all fireworks must remain in the retail fireworks stand, temporary storage location authorized by the retail permit or another location approved by the local authority having jurisdiction or his or her designee until returned to the suppliers from which they were obtained, or until transferred to an approved location.
- (2) Cities and counties may require a clean-up bond, not to exceed five hundred dollars, as a condition of the permit, to ensure the removal of all structures and debris from the site.
- (3) In order to obtain return of a clean-up bond, cleanup of debris associated with the retail fireworks activity and the removal of all temporary structures authorized by the license and permit shall be completed no later than 11:59 p.m., July 15 for the Fourth of July selling period or no later than 11:59 p.m., January 10 for the New Year's selling season.
- (4) Failure of the licensee to comply with subsection (3) of this section shall constitute forfeiture of the clean-up bond and the licensee shall be liable for any clean-up costs incurred by the city or county which exceed the amount of the bond.