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State Fireworks Law: Article 33.5 of Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S 24-33-5-2004(7) AND (8 CCR 1507-12)

Entire rule eff. 06/14/2015. Entire rule eff. 03/17/2017. Section 2.4 emer. rule eff. 03/15/2018.

Entire rule eff. 06/14/2018. Sections 2.4, 4.9, 12.2, 13.2, Chapter XV eff. 03/30/2019

State Fireworks Regulation(s): Persons Dealing with Fireworks

State Fireworks Codes Referenced (ie NFPA 1123 / 1124) (states that; “displays must meet National Fire Protection Association & other requirements”, also U.S. DOT- CFR)

State Fireworks Requirements

- Public Display License Required (Yes or No) If Yes, is there a fee?
- DISPLAY RETAILER OF FIREWORKS LICENSE..... \$1,500.00 (This is license for Company)
- Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage (Min per occurrence) No set amount
- HazMat Transportation Insurance – DOT Compliant (1.4 – \$1M / 1.3 \$5M) Only mentions what is required by DOT
- State Transportation Permit Required (Yes or No) Known as: Colorado PUC (Public Utilities Commission)
- Worker Compensation Insurance – Statutory or Other Not mentioned in state Code
- Import/Export License to bring products into the state (Yes or No) If Yes, is there a fee?
- Wholesale License to purchase or sell products in the state (Yes or No) If Yes, is there a fee?
- Registration of individuals authorized to represent License holder in the state (Yes or No)
- Permit from Local AHJ for each display (Yes or No) – Fee dependent upon location.
- Permit Filing Period for Local: How many days prior? Depends on Local AHJ, but normally 30 days prior
- Permit Filing Period for State: How many days? Mentions 30 days prior to business operation in state
- State Bond Required (Yes or No)

State Pyrotechnic Operator Requirements

- Application for certification as a fireworks display operator shall be filed with the Division on forms prescribed by the Director and shall contain such information as the Director may require. Application for certification as a fireworks display operator shall be filed with the Division at least thirty days before the date of any fireworks display to be conducted by the applicant
- Minimum Age: This would be determined by NFPA code (1124)
- Minimum of Documented displays: Five (5) Displays verified before taking initial exam, or if the individual holds a valid fireworks display operator certification from an approved national fireworks organization may request a waiver of the required examination. Any person who has actively participated in at least five fireworks displays and has satisfactory references may request a waiver of the required examination. For renewal of license, it takes three (3) verified displays.
- State Regulatory Contact Form
- State: COLORADO (Page 2)
- Minimum Experience: See above
- Letters of Recommendation (Yes or No) If Yes, How many and from whom
- Written Test Required (Yes or No) If Yes, how often? One time. However, for renewal, the certification shall be granted to an operator without the need to retest, provided: (a) they are in good standing with the Division; and (b) they have actively participated in at least three fireworks displays during the previous three-year period.
- Minimum Passing Score: 70%
- New Operator License Fee (\$ Amount)
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE FIREWORKS to take EXAMINATION..... \$30.00
 - FIREWORKS DISPLAY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION..... \$50.00
 - PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR CERTIFICATION..... \$50.00
- Renewal Operator License Fee (\$ Amount)
 - FIREWORKS DISPLAY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION..... \$50.00
- Renewal Period for Licensed Operator - 3 years

OTHER:

The above fees are established for licenses, certification and permits issued by the Department of Public Safety. Consult the local authority to determine their fees for permits, if any, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5- 2003. Of the above fees, the sum of \$50.00 represents the cost to process applications for licensing or certification. In the event an application for licensing or certification is denied, for any reason, this amount is non-refundable. Processing fees will not be refunded in the event that local or statewide fireworks restrictions are enacted. In addition, the above listed fees are non-refundable in the event a license is suspended or revoked. Fees may be waived or modified when appropriate at the discretion of the Director or his designee. Request for waiver or modification shall be in writing.

Payment of the fee required by these rules and regulations must accompany the application for certification to the Division. Certification issued under these rules and regulations shall be dated and numbered and shall be valid for a period of three years unless earlier revoked. In the event

that an application for a fireworks certification is incomplete, the applicant shall have 180 days in which to submit additional required documentation, after which the initial application shall be void. Processing fees in accordance with 14.1 shall be forfeited. Renewal of the certification shall be granted to an operator without the need to retest, provided: (a) they are in good standing with the Division; and (b) they have actively participated in at least three fireworks displays during the previous three-year period.

A General Knowledge Fireworks Examination designed to indicate that personnel who handle display fireworks in the State of Colorado have a minimum understanding of safety requirements and State regulations, shall be administered to all persons who apply for certification as an operator of pyrotechnic displays. This examination shall be developed or approved by the Director. Length and content of the examination and the passing grade will be at the discretion of the Director. Any person may retake the examination when a passing grade is not achieved; however, a waiting period of thirty (30) days is required after each unsuccessful attempt. Applicants may receive three successive examination attempts. Should the applicant fail the examination on the third attempt, he will not be allowed to retake the examination until he produces evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved program of instruction in conducting fireworks displays. A company or corporation which utilizes a training and testing program to qualify their personnel may petition the Division to use this test in lieu of this General