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Web Address of State Fire Marshal: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/Pages/default.aspx>

Fireworks Section: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Pages/Fireworks-Information.aspx>

State Fireworks Law: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/MN%20Statutes%20624.pdf>

State Fireworks Regulation(s): <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/FireworksGuidelinesRevised2011.pdf>

State Fireworks Codes Referenced: NFPA 1123 (2018 Edition), NFPA 1126 (2016 Edition)

State Fireworks Requirements

- Public Display Permit Required (Yes or No) If Yes, is there a fee?
- Outdoor displays are all permitted through the local AHJ. There is a list of Cities with delegated authority to issue indoor fireworks display permits (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Pages/Cities-Issuing-Indoor-Fireworks-Display-Permits.aspx>). For indoor fireworks in cities other than those on the list the permit application goes to the SFM. Fee = \$150. An inspection is required and the SFM will invoice for actual cost, including personnel and travel costs.
- Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage: \$1.5 million per occurrence. Certain locations require more insurance.
- HazMat Transportation Insurance – DOT Compliant (1.4 – \$1M / 1.3 \$5M): Yes
- State Transportation Permit Required: No
- Worker Compensation Insurance: Required by Statute.
- Import/Export License to bring products into the state: No
- Wholesale License to purchase or sell products in the state: No
- Registration of individuals authorized to represent License holder in the state: No
- Permit from Local AHJ for each display: Yes for all outdoor and outdoor proximate displays: Yes, Fees vary by city or town and range from \$2.00 - \$300.00
- Permit Filing Period for Local: Most cities/counties use the sample application provided by the State (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/Sample%20Permit%20Application.pdf>), which specifies 15 days prior.
- Permit Filing Period for State: Applications through the SFM (for indoor displays in Cities without delegated authority to issue permits) use the State form (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/Indoor%20Fireworks%20Permit%20Application.pdf>), which specifies at least 15 days prior.

- State Bond Required: No

State Pyrotechnic Operator Requirements

- Minimum Age: 21
- Minimum of Documented displays: 5 outdoor (for Outdoor NFPA 1123 certification) or 5 indoor/proximate (for Indoor/Proximate NFPA 1126 certification) or 5 each (for both certifications). At least 1 of the displays must have occurred in the current year or year immediately preceding the date of application.
- Minimum Experience:
- Letters of Recommendation Required: Yes, three (3) letters of Recommendation required with the initial license application; Renewal license does not require references.
- Written Test Required: Yes, at initial application. There are three tests: Outdoor Displays (based on NFPA 1123), Proximate Audience Displays (based on NFPA 1126), General Knowledge (based on MN Statutes). All applicants take the General Knowledge and then choose Outdoor Displays or Proximate Audience Displays or both, depending on the type of license desired (and past experience). The Outdoor Displays test may be waived with proof of certification by PGI or APA. You are not allowed to test if you do not have the minimum documented displays or will not have them within the year.
- Minimum Passing Score: 70%
- New Operator License Fee: \$100.00
- Renewal Operator License Fee: \$100.00
- Renewal Period for Licensed Operator: 4 years

OTHER: SFM requires a display report be submitted for each display that occurs within MN
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/Fireworks%20Operator%20Display%20Report%20Printed%20Form.pdf>