



Ocean City Fire Department
Office of the Fire Marshal
301 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842
Phone: 410-289-8780 / Fax: 410-289-8767



Permit Requirements and Application for
Flame Effect Performance

1. These regulations shall be applicable for the use of Open Flame Effect Materials and/or Devices located within the Town of Ocean City.
2. No Open flame effects, device(s), material and/or equipment shall take place without a permit issued from the Town of Ocean City, Office of the Fire Marshal.
3. Permit application shall be received by the Office of the Fire Marshal a minimum of at least Ten (10) business days prior to the event. The permit must be obtained from Office of the Fire Marshal during regular office hours. Permit fee is payable, in the form of a check or money order, to "Mayor and City Council of Ocean City," in the amount of \$50.00.
4. A permit will not be issued to subjects under the age 21 years of age.
5. A site plan must be submitted with the application. The site plan must indicate the location of the appliances as it relates to egresses, structures, the viewing audience and flammable and/or combustible materials.
6. The most recent edition of NFPA 160 Standard for the Use of Flame Effects Before an Audience as reference by NFPA 101. The Standard, NFPA 160 shall apply to flame effects for entertainment, exhibition, demonstration, or simulation before an audience, including their design, fabrication, installation, testing, control, operation, and maintenance. Flame Effect is the combustion of flammable solids, liquids, or gases to produce thermal, physical, visual, or audible phenomena before an audience.
7. Only manufactured listed outdoor appliances shall be utilized. Cutt/spec sheets must be submitted on the listed equipment at the time of application. Homemade appliances shall not be permitted.
8. All equipment must be installed and operated by qualified personal.
9. All equipment shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications/recommendations.
10. When utilizing propane gas as a fuel supply, in addition to the main gas supply shut off, an accessible shut off valve terminating the gas supply shall be located at the appliance.
11. The outdoor display will not be permitted during adverse weather conditions.
12. A copy of this permit and regulations must be present on site and available upon request by a Fire Authority and/or Police Officer. The Town of Ocean City reserves the right to check for permit compliance at any time.
13. The sponsor/operator is responsible for providing security whose sole duty shall be the enforcement of crowd control. Security shall be located around the display area and at other locations as pre-determined



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by the fire official and the operator. All operators shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old. All assistants and security shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

14. The sponsor/operator (s) are responsible for providing an acceptable form of communications between the operator, security, monitors, assistants and site manager.
15. The sponsor/operator is responsible for ensuring that all assistants and security personal are fully trained in the proper performance of their assigned tasks and that they are knowledgeable of safety hazards.
16. The names and dates of birth (DOB) of all operators, security, monitors, assistants shall be provided to the fire official.
17. There shall be a minimum of two (2) fire extinguishers provided at the display site. Each fire extinguisher shall be U/L Listed Chemical Fire Extinguisher having a minimum classification of 4A-40BC. Fire extinguishers must have a current inspection tag from a company approved by the fire authority.
18. No person shall be allowed in the display site while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or medication that could adversely affect judgment, mobility, or stability.
19. **When the performance is conducted in an unsafe manner and/or during adverse weather conditions, the Fire Authority and/or Police Officer shall have the performance cease, even if the applicant is in compliance with this policy.**
20. The display company, the organization, or the individual shall be responsible for notifying all the other local, state and/or federal agencies where applicable.
21. The display company, the organization, or the individual shall be responsible for obtaining any other local, state and/or federal permits when applicable.
22. Insurance Certificate (Proof of Insurance) must be attached to permit application. The Town of Ocean City must be named as the additional insurer, with one-million-dollar insurance coverage, thirty (30) day cancellation clause, to cover bodily injury, and property damage for each display site.



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Submit application via email: OCFM@oceancitymd.gov

Or by mail: **Office of the Fire Marshal**
P.O. Box 158
Ocean City, MD 21843

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE ALL AREAS OF THE APPLICATION

Date of Proposed Display: _____ Time of Display: _____ Rain/Wind Date: _____

Proposed Location of Display: _____ Ocean City, MD

Applicant Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant Cell Phone #: _____ Business/Other Phone #: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Name of Company Providing Insurance for Display: _____

****Site plan & insurance certificate must be submitted with application****

Note: The issuance of the permit is based upon the information contained in this application only, and does not cover unsatisfactory conditions resulting from errors, omissions or failure to clearly indicate conditions. Any change(s) to the application shall be submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal for review.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the conditions and requirements for having this permit and agree to comply with the conditions and requirements. I understand that failure to comply with the conditions would mean cancellation of this permit and possible denial of future permits.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only Below

Application received: _____ Permit application #: _____

Deputy Fire Marshal Assigned: _____ Reviewed and ready for invoicing: _____

Applicant notified permit is ready for issuance: _____