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FIREWORKS SEASONAL RETAILER FAQs

1. Who needs a Seasonal Retailer license?

Any person engaged in the business of making retail sales of fireworks within the state of Tennessee from June 20th through July 5th of each year. Seasonal Retailers are required to obtain a permit for each retail sales location.

2. How do I apply for a Seasonal Retailer license?

Please visit our website at www.core.tn.gov to register for an account and apply for a seasonal retailer fireworks permit. You can also print a copy of the application from our website at: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/permits-licensing/fire-licensing.html>, and either mail the application and payment, or deliver it to our office located at 500 James Robertson Pkwy Nashville, TN 37243.

3. I have submitted my application and paid the fee. Where is my permit?

Please allow 7-10 business days for standard processing of your application. To ensure expeditious processing, please submit your application as soon as possible. If outside the 7-10 business day window, please contact the SFMO at 615-741-2241 or email us at SFMO.permits-licensing@tn.gov.

4. Does my location need an inspection?

The State Fire Marshal's Office plans to inspect every Seasonal Retail location within the selling season. Therefore, an inspection of your location may take place at any point during the selling season.

5. What if the inspector says my address is incorrect?

Please contact the SFMO at 615-741-2241 or email us at SFMO.permits-licensing@tn.gov to get this corrected.



6. Do I need an Executive Signature from the CEO of my county?

Tennessee law requires all permit applications for the retail sale of fireworks be signed by the chief executive officer of the county or municipality in which the fireworks will be sold. To fulfill this requirement, some jurisdictions have chosen to be included on a public list regarding the retail sale of seasonal consumer fireworks. By designating that retail sales of consumer fireworks are allowed in a jurisdiction and electing to make that information public to potential applicants, an applicant will not be required to obtain the signature of the chief executive officer.

To view the Executive Signature list, please visit the Seasonal Consumer Fireworks Executive Signature List

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire_prevention/posts/SeasonalConsumerFireworksExecutiveSignaturePublicList.pdf

7. Who can I contact if I have questions about fireworks in Tennessee or my Seasonal Retailer Application?

Please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 615-741-2241 or email us at SFMO.Permits-licensing@tn.gov

