TENNESSEE FIREWORKS LICENSING REFERENCE GUIDE

Division: Fire Prevention – Permits & Licensing

Types of Licenses/Permits

- Annual Retailer
- Seasonal Retailer
- Wholesaler
- Manufacturer
- Exhibitor
- Display Permit
- Operator License

New Applications

Annual Retailer

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Appropriate fee
- Chief Executive Officer (County Mayor/Mayor or Designee) signature approving fireworks sales at the location
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Any additional documentation requested during review

Seasonal Retailer

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Appropriate fee
- Chief Executive Officer (County Mayor/Mayor or Designee) signature approving fireworks sales at the location (unless the location appears on the current Executive Signature List maintained by the Division)
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification

Note: If the retail location is listed on the current Executive Signature List, a Chief Executive Officer signature is not required.

Wholesaler / Manufacturer

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Appropriate fee
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Exhibitor

Required Documents

- Completed application

- Appropriate fee
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Copy of a valid ATF License
- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Display Permit

Required Documents

- Display application signed by AHJ
- Completed application
- Appropriate fee
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Fire Department approval/signature
- Written notification to the local Fire Chief or Law Enforcement
- Site diagram showing the launch area, fallout area, spectator distances, and safety precautions
- List of fireworks/pyrotechnic devices to be used

Operator License

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Appropriate fee
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Three Verification of Experience forms for each certification requested, signed by a licensed Tennessee Operator
- Passing Tennessee examination

Renewals

- Submitted through CORE
- Renewal fee
- Update any changed business information
- Additional documentation if requested

Helpful Notes

- Annual and Seasonal Retailers require approval from the county mayor, municipal mayor, or their authorized designee unless the Seasonal Retailer location appears on the current Executive Signature List.
- Display permits require proof of insurance, a product list, and a site diagram before approval.
- Operators must submit three Verification of Experience forms for each certification area, signed by a licensed Tennessee Operator, and pass the Tennessee examination.
- Exhibitors must maintain a valid ATF license.
- Fireworks are regulated under Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) Title 68, Chapter 104.