



Westminster Fire Department

Enforcement Policy: Fireworks

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

PROHIBITED ACTS

Westminster Municipal Code (W.M.C.) 6-8-2. It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to sell, offer for sale, or possess with intent to offer for sale, or to use or explode any fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects material, except as provided in Section 6-8-3, W.M.C., and Section 11-10-6, W.M.C.

SEIZURE OF FIREWORKS

W.M.C. 6-8-5 Any police officer of the City, or the Fire Chief or his designee, shall seize, take and remove, at the expense of the violator, all stocks of fireworks or combustibles offered or exposed for sale, stored or held in violation of this Chapter.

Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material

An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material.

Explosives/Fireworks

An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosive, explosive material, fireworks, or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 56 of the 2015 International Fire Code.

Insurance:

No permit for display of fireworks shall be issued pursuant to section 6-8-3, W.M.C., until the applicant furnishes the City with a certificate of insurance, naming the City as an additional insured for purposes of the display, demonstrating the applicant's insurance coverage for liability for physical injury and property damage in the amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience

Where the separation distances required in NFPA 1123 Table 5.1.3.1 are unavailable or cannot be secured, fireworks displays shall be conducted in accordance with NFPA 1126 for proximate audiences. Applications for use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience shall include plans indicating the required clearances for spectators and combustibles, crowd control measures, smoke control measures and requirements for standby personnel and equipment when provision of such personnel or equipment is required by the fire code official.

Clearance

Spectators, spectator parking areas and dwellings, buildings or structures shall not be located within display area.

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NFPA 1123, 5.1.1 AHJ Discretion

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Where added safety precautions have been taken, or particularly favorable conditions exist, the AHJ shall be permitted to decrease the required separation distances as it deems appropriate upon demonstration that the hazard has been reduced or risk has been protected.

NFPA 1123, 5.1.1.2

Where unusual or safety-threatening conditions exist, the AHJ shall be permitted to increase the required separation distances as it deems necessary.

NFPA 1123 Table 5.1.3.1

Distances for Outdoor Aerial Shell Display Sites: Minimum Separation Distances from Mortars to Spectators for Land or Water Displays.

Mortar Size	Minimum Secured Diameter of Site	Vertical Mortars	Angled Mortars	Mortars to Special Hazards
Inches	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet
≤1	150	75	75	150
1.5	210	105	75	210
2	280	140	95	280
2.5	350	175	115	350
3	420	210	140	420
4	560	280	190	560
5	700	350	230	700
6	840	420	280	840
7	980	490	320	980
8	1120	560	370	1120
10	1400	700	460	1400
12	1680	840	560	1680