

# O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **Tent Inspection Checklist** **(Firework Sales)**

### **Fire Extinguishers**

- Every seasonal retail sales location shall have not less than two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2A rating, at least one of which shall be a pressurized water type.
- The maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher in any retail sales location shall not be greater than 35'.
- Extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view and be installed in conspicuous locations on the hangers or brackets supplied with the extinguisher.
- All extinguishers shall be tagged to show that they have been serviced within the last 12 months.

### **Required Signs**

- Self luminous or externally or internally illuminated EXIT signs shall be mounted above each exit.
- One or more of each of the following signs, in letters not less than 4" in height or a contrasting background, shall be conspicuously posted at each entrance:
  - “FIREWORKS NO SMOKING”
  - “NO FIREWORKS DISCHARGE WITHIN 100 FEET”

### **Site Requirements**

- A certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization or laboratory of recognized standing, or manufacturer shall be presented verifying that the tent fabric material has been treated with flame resistant material.
- Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials are prohibited within any seasonal retail sales location. Vegetation or grass within the location should also be treated with an approved fire retardant treatment. Flame retardant treatments are available through some fire extinguisher/equipment dealers.
- The area located within 30' of retail sales location shall be mowed and kept free of accumulated dry grass, dry brush, and combustible debris.
- A physical barrier shall be installed to prevent motor vehicle parking within 10' of the retail sales location.
- No trailer used for the storage of consumer fireworks shall be parked within 10' of a seasonal retail sales location.
- Portable generators shall be located no less than 20' from a seasonal retail sales location.

### **Egress**

- A minimum of two remote means of egress shall be provided in a seasonal retail sales location.
- Exits from a temporary sales tent shall not be less than 72" in width.
- Dead end aisles shall be prohibited.
- All means of egress shall remain clear and free from obstructions.
- Dumpsters shall be more than 20' from tent.

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## **Electrical**

- Emergency lighting, equipped with battery backup power supply, shall be required in seasonal retail sales locations when the retail sales area is 800 square feet or greater.
- The electrical system and equipment shall be isolated from the public by proper elevation or guarding, and all electrical fuses and switches shall be enclosed in approved enclosures.
- All electrical wiring, lighting, equipment and devices shall be UL approved, mounted, installed and maintained in a safe manner so as to prevent electrical hazards.
- All extension cords shall be a minimum of 14 gauge.
- All multi-outlet power strips shall be UL approved, grounding, and of the type with a circuit breaker for overload protection.
- Branch circuits for receptacles, lighting and other uses shall be protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

## **Special requirements for firework sales**

- Two water barrels with buckets required.
- Trailer must be marked 1.4 explosives.
- 10 lb. ABC fire extinguishers required (quantity to be determined by fire official).

**Please note that this is only a general checklist.  
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