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Harris County Fire Marshal

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HARRIS COUNTY FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT

Attention, all Fireworks Vendors in Harris County. This is a friendly reminder.

In 2007, Harris County adopted revisions to the Harris County Fire Code that clarified the requirement that all temporary buildings, including fireworks stands, must have a valid fire code permit, inspection, and certificate of compliance before you open for business. The revisions also updated specific requirements for locations that display, store, or sell fireworks. Enforcement of the new code requirements began with the 2008 sales seasons.

These regulations were adopted for public safety and to reduce fire risk. Failure to comply with the Harris County fire code regulations and Texas fireworks rules could result in legal or administrative action. Legal action can be expensive and time-consuming. You can avoid any problems with three simple actions **BEFORE YOU OPEN FOR BUSINESS**:

1. **Apply for a Harris County Fire Code permit.**
2. **Complete all necessary corrections to meet code requirements.**
3. **Contact the Fire Marshal's Office to schedule a final inspection.**

Fire inspectors will be conducting site compliance inspections during the sales season. Be safe and avoid any distractions this fireworks season by meeting fire code requirements.

- **To apply for a fire code permit** or to answer any questions about specific code requirements, please call the Harris County Fire Code Permits office at 713-956-3000, Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- **To schedule your final inspection** for a Certificate of Compliance, please call the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office at 281-436-8000, Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

We want you to have a safe, enjoyable holiday. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Lt. Todd Mitchell at 281-436-8009 or by e-mail at todd.mitchell@fmo.hctx.net.

Regards,

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Director / Fire Marshal