



pyrotechnics special effects materials

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purpose

Operational permits are required under the 2018 International Fire Code, Section 105.6, as adopted by Harris County Commissioners Court. The operational permit, when issued, allows the applicant to legally conduct the operation or business permitted for a period of time.

requirements

Each operational permit will be issued once an application has been completed appropriately, and all applicable documents have been uploaded. Some operational permits will not be issued until an inspection is passed, but the applicant should realize that submission of an application for an operational permit does subject the operation or business to inspections from the Fire Marshal's Office.

Applications will be completed electronically and all required documentation will be required to be uploaded electronically. There shall be no paper submissions for operational permits. Permit application shall be completed and submitted through the Harris County E-permits system, <https://epermits.harriscountytexas.gov/>. Once the application is received along with all required documentation, a review will be conducted by the fire code official and an inspection scheduled if required. When the permit process is complete and authorization is given, the applicant will be notified that the permit is issued and the duration of the permit will be indicated for renewal.

All operational permit application will begin with generalized information requirements. This information will pertain to the business owner, operator, applicant, address, etc. Furthermore, all permit applications will require a written statement describing the operation or business to be permitted. Once the applicant completes the generalized information, a choice will be made for which type of permit will be needed. There are some businesses, which will require multiple permits, and an application will need to be completed for each type of operational permit. When a choice is made of which operational permit is being applied for, the applicant will be directed to additional questions as well as asked for documentation to be uploaded. The specifics for each type of permit is listed below. It should be noted that this standard is written to give generalized information about operational permits and upon review of any application, additional information may be requested prior to the approval of any permit.



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A Pyrotechnic special effects material operational permit is required for Flame effects, 1.4g, and 1.3 g Firework Display. Pyrotechnic special effects material operational permit shall be renewed on for each display.

When applying for or renewing pyrotechnic special effects material operational permit the applicant shall provide the following information:

All Pyrotechnic, Flame effects, 1.4g, and 1.3 g Firework Display operational permit(s) that are issued by Harris County Fire Marshal's Office (HCFMO), SHALL be submitted to HCFMO a minimum of 15 days in prior to the event start date. A failure to turn in an Pyrotechnic, Flame effects, 1.4g, and 1.3 g Firework Display permit application with a minimum of 15 days' prior notice will result in the following:

- A. All permit applications for the use of pyrotechnics, flame effects, or firework displays 1.4G with an audience of 50 or more spectators and 1.3G shall be submitted no later than 15 business days, excluding holidays and weekends, before the scheduled day of use. Failure to submit the application within 15 business days can result in the denial of the permit;
- B. All application packets for use of pyrotechnics, flame effects, or firework displays 1.4G with an audience of 50 or more spectators and 1.3G shall be completed by a Texas Licensed Shooter or the representative company to be considered for review;
- C. All applications for the use of pyrotechnics, flame effects, or firework displays 1.4G with an audience of 50 or more spectators and 1.3G shall be accompanied by:
 - Detailed written description of the on-site operation,
 - Date of the display, including exact anticipated start and end times,
 - Site plan indicating the discharge area, fall out radius/area, and spectator area,
 - Copy of the proof of insurance compliant with Occupation Code 2154,
 - Identifiers for all shooters, assistants, name (first and last), contact numbers, and e-mail address,
 - Written description of all products to be used and the Safety Data Sheets for each product,
 - Copy of State Licenses for all shooters and proof of identification.