



DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1700 WEST 162nd STREET / GARDENA, CALIFORNIA 90247-3732 / WWW.CITYOFGARDENA.ORG / PHONE (310) 217-9530

March 1, 2025

Dear Prospective Applicant:

The City of Gardena is now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for the issuance of permits to sell safe and sane fireworks at outdoor sales stands. A complete application package and the payment of all fees must be submitted to the Community Development Department **before 12:00 p.m. March 31, 2025**. The Community Development Department is located in City Hall, Room 101, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California 90247-3778.

This package contains instructions, application forms, a list of fees, and a schedule of important dates related to the fireworks stand permit and inspection process.

If there are any questions regarding the permit process or technical questions, please contact our Business License department at (310) 217-9518 or at the following email address CDDLICENSEANDPERMITCENTER@CITYOFGARDENA.ORG, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Greg Tsujiuchi - Director
Community Development Department



**CITY OF GARDENA
FIREWORKS STAND
PERMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE
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PART I

PUBLIC NOTICE



**CITY OF GARDENA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FIREWORKS STAND PERMIT APPLICATIONS
MARCH 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Applications for Fireworks Stand Permits, for the sale of “Safe and Sane Fireworks” in the City of Gardena for this year’s 4th of July holiday, will be available from the Community Development Department at City Hall, 1700 West 162nd Street, Room 101, beginning March 1, 2025.

All application packages for a permit to sell fireworks must be completed in full and submitted with all requisite fees and documentation. See the application package instructions for complete details.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the application filing period is from March 1 through March 31, 2025, during normal business hours. No applications will be accepted outside of this period.

Please stop by and/or telephone the Community Development Office at 310-217-9518 for information on relevant laws as set forth in the City of Gardena Municipal Code.

This notice is dated this 20th day of February 2025.

Greg Tsujiuchi, Director
Community Development Department



PART II

APPLICATION PACKAGE INSTRUCTIONS



Fireworks Stand Permit Application

Part II: Application Package Instructions

Overview

From March 1st until 12 p.m. on March 31st, the City of Gardena will accept applications for a permit to sell safe and sane fireworks. Permits are issued only to nonprofit organizations and such fireworks shall be sold only at outdoor sales stands. The applicant will be notified by May 15th of the granting or rejection of their application. For additional information regarding the Fireworks Stand Permit process, refer to Chapter 8.16 of the Gardena Municipal Code (GMC), a copy of which is provided in Part IV of this document.

Number of Permits Issued

The maximum number of permits issued will not exceed eight (8). If the number of applications exceeds the number of available permits, the permittees from the preceding year have priority. Refer to Part IV of this document for a list of permits issued in 2024. If there are any permits available after the priority organizations have been considered, additional permits will be granted by a lottery held on or before April 16th by the City Clerk's Office. If April 16th falls on a weekend, the lottery will be held on the next available business day. The city will notify applicants who fall under this category.

Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations

Qualifying nonprofit organizations must have been organized and established in the City's corporate limits for a minimum of one year prior to filing an application. Eligible nonprofits must also have a principal and permanent meeting place in the City and a bona fide membership of at least 25 members. A majority of the members must be residents of the City of Gardena. The nonprofit must conduct activities primarily for the benefit of the City and its residents or must serve more City residents than non-city residents to be eligible to receive a permit. No nonprofit organization will be granted more than one permit.

Joint Ventures

Two or more qualifying nonprofits are allowed to apply for a permit as a joint venture. Each partner in a joint venture is required to submit a separate application. If a joint venture was issued a permit in 2024, any change in the organization within that joint venture will cause the joint venture to lose its priority standing for 2025.



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Application Deadline

All applications and payment of fees must be in the hands of the Community Development Department by **noon, March 31, 2025**. The Community Development Department is located in Room 101, 1700 West 162nd Street. Any application package that is not properly completed or submitted without the required fees **will not be considered**.

Business License Requirement

The Distributor/Wholesaler is required to possess a current Business License at the time of filing.

Electrical Considerations

Depending on the site conditions at the location selected for the placement of a fireworks stand, if a generator or a temporary power pole is needed, a State licensed electrical contractor of the nonprofit's choosing is required to apply for an Electrical Permit with the City of Gardena Building Division located in City Hall, Room 101, at 1700 W. 162nd Street. Permits are issued Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Appointment request can be submitted to CDDBuildingServices@cityofgardena.org or call 310-217-9530. The electrical contractor must also possess a current Business License with the City. Refer to Part V for an example of the permit and requisite fees.

Insurance Requirements

The applicant shall supply proof of insurance to include \$1,000,000 coverage limits for public liability, property damage, and product liability. The City of Gardena shall be named as an additional insured as follows: "The City of Gardena, its appointed and elected officials, employees, representatives, and volunteers". See Part V for an example of an insurance certificate. The insurance company must have a Best rating of not less than A-: II.

Fireworks Operator Safety Training and Display of Posters-Mandatory

Each fireworks stand must have at least one salesperson trained by the Los Angeles County Fire Department in "Fireworks Operator Safety" that is always on duty during the sales period. After the City issues the applicant a permit for a Fireworks Stand Permit, the nonprofit organization will be contacted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department or the City to confirm the date and time set for this mandatory training. Failure to attend the mandatory training may result in the suspension of the applicant's permit.

The permittee is also required to display posters at the point of sale of the fireworks to notify purchasers of all applicable restrictions established by Chapter 8.16 of the Gardena Municipal Code. The poster is supplied by the city and will be available for the permittee to pick up after June 1st in City Hall, Room 101. To schedule an appointment please email CDDLICENSEANDPERMITCENTER@CITYOFGARDENA.ORG with your request or call 310-217-9518. Failure to return the posters to the City within the required timeframe or return it soiled or damaged will result in a deduction from the permittee's deposit to replace the item.



Application Package Instructions and Assembly

The application package consists of the following forms and documents described below. Do **not omit any** information. Any application package that is not properly completed or submitted without the required fees will disqualify the applicant from the permit review process. All of the required forms and examples of the documents can be found in Part III and Part V of this booklet.

- 1. Application for Fireworks Stand Permit** Submit a completed application. A completed permit application package shall include proper identification and signature of the permit applicant along with a payment of \$1256.00 made payable to the City of Gardena. This amount includes a deposit of \$343.00, which is refundable under two conditions: 1) if the applicant is denied a fireworks stand permit, or 2) if the permittee complied with all provisions and requirements of GMC Chapter 8.16, including but not limited to: fireworks stand operations, removal of the stand, site clean-up, passing the required site inspections, and returned City property. See Part III for a copy of the application.
- 2. Attachment A: Plot plan (sketch) of proposed selling location** - The plot plan (sketch) must include dimensions and sufficient detail to identify the distance between the proposed location of the fireworks stand and all surrounding buildings, streets, driveways, and parking spaces. The fireworks stand cannot be located within 25 feet of any building structure, 5 feet of a curb line, or within 100 feet of any gas pump. **Additionally, the plan for staffing the stand during the proposed days and hours of operation.** A copy of the plot plan will satisfy the requirement for the Fireworks Stand Permit application. See Part III for a copy of Attachment A.
- 3. Attachment B: Property owner/lessee consent** - The applicant must obtain the signature of the current property owner or if leased, a signature from the Lessor. See Part III for a copy of Attachment B.
- 4. Attachment C: Agreement to comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Department requirements for fireworks stand** - Sign and date the agreement to comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles Fire Department. See Part III for a copy of Attachment C.
- 5. Attachment D: Roster of current members** - The roster is required to establish proof that a majority of the nonprofit organization's members are residents of Gardena. Failure to supply proof is grounds to disqualify the nonprofit organization's permit application. See Part III for a copy of Attachment D.
- 6. Attachment E: Report of disbursements of net proceeds from the sale of fireworks in 2024** - This report must be filed concurrently with the nonprofit organization's application documents. If the nonprofit organization has not been issued a permit in the past, enter zeros on the form, sign, and date. See Part III for a copy of Attachment E.



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- 7. Attachment F: Itemized report of receipts and expenditures for the sale of fireworks for the year 2025** - This report must be filed with the Community Development Department by September 1, 2025, by the permittee. Failure to file this form in its entirety will prohibit the issuance of a fireworks permit in 2026. See Part III for a copy of Attachment F.
- 8. Proof of 501(c)(3) or 23701D Designation for Nonprofit Federal Tax-Exempt Status** - Supply a copy of the letter from the Internal Revenue Service showing proof of your organization's 501(c)(3) or 23701d Designation and Exemption from the Payment of Federal Income Tax. See Part V for an example of this letter.
- 9. Proof of State tax exemption: Section 214 of Revenue and Taxation Code** - Supply a copy of the letter from the State of California showing proof of your organization's tax exemption according to Section 214 of the State Revenue and Taxation Code. See Part V for an example of this letter.
- 10. Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance** -Supply proof of \$1,000,000 public liability, property damage, and product liability insurance naming the City of Gardena as an additional insured. See Part V for an example of the insurance certificate.
- 11. Copy of current Temporary Seller's Permit** - Supply proof of possessing a current Seller's Permit from the State Board of Equalization. See Part V for an example of this permit.
- 12. Copy of State Fire Marshal Retail Fireworks License** - Supply proof of possessing a current retail fireworks license from the State Fire Marshall. See Part V for an example of this license.



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Fee Schedule

All application fees, deposits, and business license fees described in the table below are payable at the time the application is filed with the Community Development Department.

Nonprofit Organization's Fees

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| • Fireworks Application Fee (nonrefundable) | \$913.00 |
| • Deposit (refundable) | \$343.00 |
| • Total | \$1256.00 |

Distributor/Wholesaler's Fees

- Business License Fee, if not current. Please call (310) 217-9518
- Payment of the Regulatory Fee is due on May 19, 2025. See Part IV for a copy of the Resolution that was adopted by the City Council in 2023.

Schedule of Activities

The following schedule of activities is intended to keep the nonprofit organization and its fireworks wholesaler/distributor informed of the duties and responsibilities associated with the fireworks stand permit and inspection process.

Date	Activity
Noon, March 31, 2025	Application filing deadline
To be announced on or before April 14, 2025	City lottery held for additional permits (if applicable)
May 16, 2025	Applicant receives notice of approval or denial from City from Fireworks Permit and Temporary Use Permit
May 19, 2025	Deadline for payment of regulatory fee by wholesaler/distributor
To be announced	Fireworks stand salesperson to attend required fireworks safety training by Los Angeles County Fire Department per GMC §8.16.080(E)



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After June 1, 2025, but before June 20, 2025	Applicant to pick up fireworks safety posters
8 a.m., June 26, 2025	Fireworks stand may be dropped off
	City Building & Safety Division and LA County Fire Department will conduct fireworks stand inspections. An appointment for the Building & Safety inspection will be scheduled by the city.
Beginning June 28th through and including July 4, 2025, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Fireworks may be sold to the public. Each stand must always have on duty during the sales period at least one salesperson who attended the LACFD operator safety seminar per GMC §8.16.080(E)
5 p.m., July 5, 2025	Deadline to remove unsold stock and litter
12 p.m., July 6, 2025	Deadline to remove fireworks stand and prepare the site for city inspection
4 p.m., July 8, 2025	Deadline for the applicant to meet with city Inspectors to sign off on the condition of the site
4 p.m., July 14, 2025	Deadline for the applicant to return posters to the city
September 1, 2025	Deadline for a nonprofit organization to file a statement of receipts & expenditures with the city



PART III

APPLICATION FORMS



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Fireworks Stand Permit Application

Part III: Application and Attachments A – F

In addition to the application and attachments A – G, the applicant shall supply copies of the following documents as part of their completed application package:

- Proof of 501(c)(3) or 2370d Designation for Nonprofit Federal Tax-Exempt Status-
- Proof of State Tax Exemption: Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code-2025
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Temporary Seller's Permit – 2025
- State Fire Marshal Retail Fireworks License – 2025
- Proper identification and signature of the permit applicant
- Plan for staffing the stand during the proposed days and hours of operation.
- Detailed statement of every kind of fireworks proposed to be sold.



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Application for Fireworks Stand Permit

Complete and return the required application documents no later than noon on March 31, 2025, along with a check for \$1256.00 made payable to the City of Gardena. This amount includes a deposit of \$343.00, which is refundable under two conditions: 1) if the applicant is denied a fireworks stand permit or 2) if the permittee complied with all provisions and requirements of the GMC Chapter 8.16, including but not limited to: fireworks stand operations, removal of the stand, site clean-up, passing the required site inspections, and returning the City's posters in original condition.

Name of Organization	
Principal and Permanent Meeting Address	
Mailing Address	
Phone No.	Email
Individual in Organization Applying for this Permit	
Title	
Address	
Telephone No.	Emergency Contact No.
Status of organization (religious, charitable, etc)	
Date organization came into existence	Length of continued existence
Purpose of Organization	
Intended use of funds realized from sale fireworks	
Proposed location of fireworks stand	
Proposed dates and hours of operation of the fireworks stand	



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No. of employees who will work at the fireworks stand	
State Board of Equalization Seller's Permit No.	Current Certificate of Tax Exemption No.

Information on Three Principal Officers of the Organization

Name	Title	Address	Phone
		Bus: Res:	
		Bus: Res:	
		Bus: Res:	

Property Owner Information (complete the attached Property Owner Consent Form)

Name of Property Owner
Address of Property Owner

Partnership Information If you will be partnering with another eligible organization to sell fireworks at the above location, please complete the following.

Organization Name	Contact Person
Address	
Email Address	Phone No.

Fireworks Distributor/Wholesaler Information

Company Name	Address
Contact Person	Phone No.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the above information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I further declare that I have read the Rules and Regulations which concern the retail sale and



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storage of fireworks in the City of Gardena and will abide by the contents therein. Subject to the issuance of a license, I agree to provide a full accounting of the use and distribution of funds realized from holding such a license.

I also certify that our organization has a principal and permanent meeting place in the City of Gardena and has been established for at least one year prior to the filing of this application; and that we have a bona fide membership of at least 25, the majority of whom are residents of Gardena.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Requirement	Date Received/Paid
\$913.00 Fireworks Stand Permit Application Fee	
\$343.00 Deposit	
Attachment A - Plot Plan Staffing Plan for the stand	
Attachment B - Property Owner/Lessee Consent	
Attachment C - Agreement to Comply with LACFD Requirements	
Attachment D - Roster of Current Members	
Attachment E - Report of Disbursements of Net Proceeds from Sale of Fireworks	
Attachment F - Not Due Until September 2, 2025	
Attachment G - TUP Application	
Proof of 501(c)(3) or 23701d Nonprofit Designation for Federal Tax-Exempt Status	
Proof of State Tax Exemption: Sec. 214 - Revenue & Taxation Code	
Certificate of Insurance for \$1,000,000 Liability	
Copy of Current Temporary Seller's Permit from State Board of Equalization	
Copy of California State Fire Marshal Retail Fireworks License	

Distribution

- City Clerk’s Office
- Community Development Department – Building & Safety and Planning Divisions
- LA County Fire Department



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Attachment A – Plot Plan (Sketch) and Staff Plan of Proposed Fireworks Stand Location

Pursuant to the provisions of the Health and Safety Code, State of California, and the City of Gardena Municipal Code:

I/We hereby make an application for a permit to sell as a retailer; “Safe and Sane Fireworks” as defined by the California State Health and Safety Code, at: _____ Gardena, California

The following plot plan (sketch) of the proposed selling location shows where the fireworks stand will be placed on the property, the location, and the division of all adjacent building(s) on-site, streets, driveways, parking spaces, and property lines in relation to the fireworks stand. If there is insufficient space to diagram the location, use additional sheets.

The staffing plan should include the name of the members or the spouses or adult children of such members of the nonprofit organization to sell or otherwise participate in the sale of fireworks at such stand during the purposed day and hours of operation per GMC Section 8.16.030C(6)

I/We hereby certify that all fireworks now on hand are not “dangerous fireworks” as defined in the above-mentioned Health and Safety Code and that any merchandise hereafter purchased and/or offered for sale by me/us shall be in strict compliance with the provisions of said Code and/or local laws or ordinances as pertaining thereto.

I/We understand that storage and sales of fireworks shall be subject to such restrictions as may be deemed advisable by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Signature of Applicant	Date	Name of Organization
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Attachment B – Property Owner and/or Lessor/Lessee Consent

This form must be completed by the Owner of Record and/or lessor of the property.

Permission is hereby granted to _____ and

(Fireworks Wholesaler)

for the exclusive right to use the property located at

(Nonprofit Organization Name)

_____, Gardena, California, from 8:00 a.m. on June 26, 2025, until 12:00

(Fireworks Stand Address)

p.m. on July 6, 2025, to set up a temporary fireworks stand to sell safe and sane fireworks from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 28, 2025, through and including July 4, 2025.

It is understood that the retail fireworks operations will be conducted in accordance with all City, County, and State regulations.

Owner/Lessor Name	Phone No.
Address	

Signature	Date
Print Name	Title/Principal



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Attachment C – Agreement to Comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Department

Requirement for Fireworks Stand

I, _____, an authorized representative or officer of _____, a nonprofit organization, agree to comply with the following requirements set forth herein:

- a. No person shall fire, discharge, set off, or use any fireworks of any kind within the City. No parent, guardian, or other person having the legal care and custody of any minor child shall allow such child to violate the provisions of this section.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, “safe and sane fireworks” may be discharged during the hours of **12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 4th only** by adults or by minors under the direct supervision of an adult.
- c. No person shall sell any fireworks in the City other than safe and sane fireworks, except during the hours of 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the period between June 28 and July 4 of each year. No person shall sell fireworks within the City limits without having first obtained a permit from the City to do so, as provided in Chapter 8.16 of the Gardena Municipal Code, and then only upon the terms and conditions specified in the granting of such permit. No person less than 18 years of age may sell, purchase, possess, use, or discharge “safe and sane fireworks.”
- d. No holder of a permit shall sell or distribute any type of fireworks that fall within the State Fire Marshal’s definition of a “flare” or “California candle.”
- e. All applicants, at the time of application, must have in their possession a valid “Retailer’s License” issued by the State Fire Marshall.
- f. After the permit application has been approved by the City Clerk’s Office, permits shall also be obtained from the City of Gardena Building Department for the erection of fireworks stands and the installation of any electrical equipment required for such stands. For the purpose of this part, every premise or structure from which the fireworks are sold is hereby defined as a “fireworks stand.”
- g. No fireworks stand shall be located within 25 feet of another building, within 25 feet of a generator, within five feet of a curb line, or 100 feet of any gasoline pump.
- h. All fireworks stands shall be pre-assembled metal stands only with no more than 256 square feet. All fireworks stands will be pre-wired for interior and exterior lighting. All stands will have attached metal floors to enhance security and waterproofing.



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- i. Every fireworks stand shall be equipped with signs bearing the words "No Smoking" in red lettering at least four inches in height. Such signs shall be visible to every person working in the stand and every customer while being served.
- j. All electrical must be conduits. The breaker boxes will be GFI breakers. The manufacturer must have installed all wiring. Absolutely no wiring allowed at the stand site.
- k. Each stand must have at least three exits, approximately equal distance apart, and in no case shall the distance between exits exceed 24 feet.
- l. There shall be no signs except for the signs that come with the pre-assembled stands.
- m. Each stand shall be provided with two 2 ½ gallon water pressure type fire extinguishers, underwriter approved, in good working order, and easily accessible for use in case of fire.
- n. All weeds and combustible material shall be cleared from the location of the stand to a distance of at least 25 feet.
- o. Each stand must have an adult in attendance and in charge thereof while fireworks are stored therein. Each stand must have security personnel at least 21 years of age on-site during non-operating hours. Sleeping or remaining in the stand after the close of each business day is forbidden.
- p. All unsold stock and accompanying litter shall be removed from the location by 5:00 p.m. on July 5.
- q. No fireworks stand shall be erected more than three calendar days prior to the time on which fireworks may lawfully be sold. The fireworks stand shall be removed from the temporary location by 12:00 p.m. July 6 and all accompanying litter shall be cleared from the location by said time and date.
- r. For each day or portion thereof that a fireworks stand is erected, maintained, or left standing contrary to the provisions of these requirements, the sum of \$50 shall be deducted from the applicant's deposit and retained by the City.
- s. The Chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and/or his designated representative shall have the power to suspend or revoke the permit of any permittee who is operating a fireworks stand in violation of any state law, local ordinance, or these permit requirements, or which, in his opinion, constitutes or creates a condition contributing to the cause of spread of fire.
- t. The decision of the Fire Chief or his designee to suspend the permit of any permittee shall be subject to review by the Community Development Director, forthwith. Because of the limited sales period each year, for suspensions affecting such sale period, a hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time that the permittee, the Community Development Director or a designee, and the Fire Chief or his representative can schedule a meeting for such review for suspensions after the sale period. The hearing shall be held within one month after the request for a hearing, and that request must be made within 15 days after notice of the suspension. The Community Development Director or a designee is authorized to set aside the suspension or to modify the suspension by



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limiting its effect to only one or more days, or by setting aside the forfeiture of priority status for future years. The decision of the Community Development Director or his/her designee shall be final.

- u. The Los Angeles County Fire Department will conduct an operator safety seminar for those individuals staffing the fireworks stands. Once the stand is stocked with fireworks, a member of the organization who has attended the seminar must be present during business hours.
- v. The Los Angeles County Fire Department shall inspect the stand before its opening to the public. Periodic inspections will be conducted to ensure the safe operation of the stand.

Signature	Date
Print Name	



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Attachment F – Itemized Report of Receipts & Expenditures for the Sale of Fireworks for the Year 2025

This report must be filed with the Community Development Department on or before September 1, 2025. Failure to file this form in its entirety will prohibit the issuance of a fireworks permit the following year. The Community Development Department is in Room 101, 1700 W. 162nd Street, Gardena 90247

1. Gross Receipts from the Sale of Fireworks in 2024 \$ _____

2. *Itemized Expenditures:
 - a. Fireworks Distributor \$ _____ Name of Distributor _____
 - b. Fireworks \$ _____
 - c. Rental of Stand \$ _____
 - d. Taxes (itemized) \$ _____
 - e. Permit Fees (itemized) \$ _____
 - f. Insurance \$ _____
 - g. Utilities \$ _____
 - h. Advertising \$ _____
 - i. Other _____ \$ _____

3. Total Expenditures \$ _____

4. Net Proceeds (Line 1 minus Line 3) \$ _____

*Note: No expenditures may be made for compensation or remuneration paid to any person assisting in the sale of fireworks. All expenditures must be itemized, otherwise this form will be returned to you for re-submittal. Use the backside of this form to itemize "Other" expenditures if additional space is needed.

I certify that this is a true and accurate accounting.

SUBJECT TO AUDIT:

Name of Bank	Branch	Account No.
Signature		Title
Name of Organization		Date



PART IV

REGULATIONS and REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

**Chapter 8.16
FIREWORKS**

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The following words and phrases, as used in this chapter, are defined as follows:

- A. "Dangerous fireworks" means dangerous fireworks as set forth in California State Fireworks Law (Sections 12505 and 12561 of the Health and Safety Code and the relevant sections of Title 19, Code of Regulations, Subchapter 6) which are hereby incorporated by reference.
- B. "Safe and sane fireworks" or "fireworks" (a.k.a. "state-approved fireworks") means safe and sane fireworks as set forth in California State Fireworks Law (Sections 12529 and 12562 of the Health and Safety Code and the relevant sections of Title 19, Code of Regulations, Subchapter 6) which are hereby incorporated by reference.
- C. "Person" means and includes a natural person or a legal entity that is also an owner, tenant, lessee and/or other person with any right to possession or control of the property.
- D. "Nonprofit organization" means (1) any nonprofit association, charity, church, corporation, club, or society, organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic, benevolent, betterment, youth activities, or charitable purposes, or (2) a group which is an integral part of a recognized nonprofit national organization, or (3) an organization affiliated with and officially recognized by an elementary, junior high, high school, school district, and/or college that serves, in whole or in part, the residents of Gardena, and has obtained a nonprofit status with either the California Franchise Tax Board or the Internal Revenue Service.
- E. "Principal and permanent meeting place" means and includes, but is not limited to, a permanent structure, playing field, geographic area, or service population which resides in or is located within the city of Gardena.
- F. "Gardena city clerk" or "city clerk" means the Gardena city clerk and/or his or her designee or designees.
- G. "Residents of the city" or "city residents" means and includes owners of businesses and/or property in the city as well as occupants of residential dwellings.
- H. "Director" shall mean the community development director or his or her designee(s).
- I. "Fire chief" shall mean the fire chief of the County of Los Angeles and/or his or her designee or designees.
- J. "Property" means:
1. Private property including: a home, yard, apartment, condominium, accessory dwelling unit, hotel, or motel room or other dwelling unit, a hall or meeting room, or commercial property, whether occupied on a

temporary or permanent basis, whether occupied as a dwelling, party or other social function, and whether owned, leased, rented, or used with or without compensation.

2. Public property such as rented or reserved public facilities including space at a public park.

K. "Social host" means any of the following:

1. Any owner of property as listed on the most recent assessment roll;
2. Any person who has the right to use, possess or occupy a property under a lease, permit, license, rental agreement, reservation or contract; or
3. Any person who hosts, organizes, supervises, officiates, conducts, or accepts responsibility for a gathering. (Ord. 1827 § 3, 2021; Ord. 1726 § 11, 2011; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.020 Permit – Required.

A. Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to offer for sale or sell at retail "safe and sane fireworks" without having first applied for and been issued a permit therefor, in the manner set forth in this chapter.

B. Permits for the sale of safe and sane fireworks shall be issued only to nonprofit organizations, and such safe and sane fireworks shall be sold only at the outdoor sales stands, as more specifically set forth hereinafter. No more than eight such permits shall be issued and be outstanding at any time. (Ord. 1827 § 4, 2021; Ord. 1785 § 2, 2018; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.030)

8.16.030 Permit – Application.

A. All applications for a permit to sell fireworks shall be filed with the community development department between March 1st and March 31st of each year, and accompanied by a fee in an amount set by resolution of the city council.

B. Any application packet which is not properly completed and submitted to the community development department before the close of business on March 31st will not be considered for the issuance of a permit.

C. The application for the permit shall be made in writing on a form supplied by the city. A completed permit application package shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Proper identification and signature of the permit applicant.
2. The proposed location of the fireworks sales stand.
3. The dates and hours the applicant proposes the stand to be open.
4. Detailed statement of each and every kind of fireworks proposed to be sold.

5. Written consent of the owner of record and/or lessor of the property, whichever is the controlling party, upon which the proposed sales stand will be located.
6. The plan for staffing the stand during the proposed days and hours of operation.
7. Fireworks distributor's (the "company") name, address, telephone number, and point of contact.
8. Proof of a temporary sales tax permit from the State Board of Equalization or proof of application.
9. Proof of insurance to include one million dollars public liability, property damage, and product liability insurance policies with riders attached to the policies designating the city as an additional insured.
10. Proof of a State Fire Marshal retail fireworks license.

D. Repealed.

E. Each applicant shall file with the city, at the time of filing their permit application, a refundable cash deposit, certificate of deposit, or a surety bond made payable to the city in the amount as set by resolution of the city council as to assure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Such deposit or certificate shall be refundable upon compliance with the provisions and requirements of this chapter, including but not limited to the removal of the stand, cleaning of the site, and full compliance by the permittee to pass the city's site inspection. (Ord. 1865 § 6, 2024; Ord. 1738 § 61, 2012; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.040, 8.16.100, 8.16.110, 8.16.120)

8.16.040 Permit – Prerequisites to issuance.

Each applicant must meet the following qualifications for a permit issued under this chapter:

- A. A permit shall only be issued to a Nonprofit organization. Such Nonprofit organization must conduct its activities primarily for the benefit of the city and its residents, or must serve more city residents than non-city residents, to be eligible to receive a permit.
- B. Each such Nonprofit organization must have a principal and permanent meeting place in the city and have been organized and established in the city's corporate limits for a minimum of one year continuously preceding the filing of application for the license permit, and must have a bona fide membership of at least twenty-five members, the majority of whom are residents of the city.
- C. No Nonprofit organization may receive more than one permit for fireworks sale during any one calendar year. One permit may be issued to two or more qualifying applicants as a joint venture. The maximum number of permits, which may be issued pursuant to this chapter during any one calendar year, shall not exceed eight.

D. If the number of applications exceed the number of permits to be issued, the permittees during the preceding year shall have first priority for the available permits. A permittee shall retain its priority from year to year only so long as the permittee continues to represent each and all of the participating organizations, which operated under the permit during the preceding year. Each participating organization shall be deemed to be a co-permittee claiming first priority and shall have the same duties and liabilities under the permit. Any change in organizations within the joint venture shall constitute a change causing that joint venture to lose its priority. If there are any additional permits available after priority organizations have been considered, such additional permits shall be granted by a lottery supervised by the city clerk held on or before April 16. In the, lottery, joint ventures shall receive one lot for all Nonprofit organizations that comprise the joint venture, and individual applicants shall receive one lot. Any prior permittee, the permit of which has been suspended under the provisions of Section [8.16.070](#), shall lose its priority, and shall be eligible for the lottery only upon satisfying the Fire Chief that suitable arrangements have been made to preclude future violations. If the Fire Chief certifies his satisfaction, such permittee shall be permitted to compete with other additional applicants for such additional permits as may be available through the lottery.

E. Each Nonprofit organization must have one fireworks stand salesperson, per sales shift, attend an operator safety seminar administered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.060)

8.16.050 Permit applications – Notice of acceptance or rejection.

Applicants for any such permits shall be notified by the community development director, or their designee, by May 15th of the granting or rejection of such applications for fireworks stand. (Ord. 1865 § 7, 2024; Ord. 1726 § 28 (part), 2011; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.060 Revised and renumbered as 8.16.040.

(Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.070 Suspension of permit – Appeal procedure.

A. The Fire Chief or his designee shall be authorized to suspend immediately and without notice or formal hearing the permit of any permittee which violates any rule, regulation or ordinance while operating or preparing to operate a fireworks stand during or immediately preceding any period of sale. If the Fire Chief or his designee establishes that a violation has occurred during, immediately preceding, or immediately following the authorized period of sale, he shall have power to suspend the permittee from future permits, or suspend the priority of the permittee.

B. The decision of the Fire Chief or his designee to suspend the permit of any permittee shall be subject to review by the community development director forthwith. In view of the limited sales period each year, for suspensions affecting the sale period, such hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time that the permittee, community development director or his designee, and the representative of the Fire Chief can schedule a meeting for such review for suspensions after the sale period. The hearing shall be within one month after the

request for hearing, which request must be made within fifteen days after notice of the suspension. The community development director or his designee is authorized to set aside the suspension, or to modify the suspension by limiting its effect to only one or more days, or to make a determination regarding application for permit in future years. The decision of the community development director or his designee shall be final. (Ord. 1726 § 28 (part), 2011; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.080 Fireworks stand – Operation.

- A. It is unlawful for the permitted Nonprofit organization to permit any person other than the permitted Nonprofit organization to operate the stand for which the permit is issued or to otherwise participate in the profits of the operation of such stand.
- B. It is unlawful for the permitted Nonprofit organization to permit any person other than the individuals who are members of the permitted Nonprofit organization, or the spouses or adult children of such members, to sell or otherwise participate in the sale of fireworks at such stand.
- C. It is unlawful for the permitted Nonprofit organization to pay any consideration to any person for selling or otherwise participating in the sale of fireworks at such stand.
- D. Each stand must have an adult in attendance and in charge thereof while fireworks are stored therein. Sleeping or remaining in the stand after close of each business day is forbidden. All unsold fireworks must be securely stored in a locked container during non-sale periods.
- E. Each stand must have on duty at all times during the sales period, at least one salesperson who attended the Los Angeles County Fire Department operator safety seminar.
- F. The sale of fireworks shall conform to restrictions under Section [8.16.130](#) below.
- G. All unsold stock and accompanying litter shall be removed from the location by five p.m. on July 5 of each year. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.090 Fireworks stands – Requirements.

All retail sales of “safe and sane fireworks” shall be permitted only from within a temporary fireworks stand, and sales from any other building or structure is hereby prohibited. Temporary stands shall be subject to the following provisions:

- A. Fireworks stands must be dropped off no earlier than eight a.m. on June 26 of each year.
- B. No fireworks stand shall be located within twenty-five feet of any other building structure, five feet of a curbline, or within one hundred feet of any gasoline pump.
- C. No weeds or other combustible materials shall be permitted within 25 feet of a stand.

D. All fireworks stands shall be pre-assembled metal stands only with no more than two hundred fifty-six square feet. All fireworks stands will be pre-wired for interior and exterior lighting. All stands will have attached metal floors to enhance security and water proofing.

E. All electrical shall be in conduits. The breaker boxes will consist of GFI breakers. The manufacturer must have installed all wiring. All stands shall meet the approval of the City's building and safety division, and must be in accordance with the safety requirements of the City, prior to the beginning of sale.

F. No generators shall be allowed within twenty-five feet of the fireworks stand.

G. "No Smoking" signs must be displayed on and in the fireworks stand.

H. Each stand must have at least three exits, approximately equal distance apart and in no case shall the distance between exits exceed twenty-four feet.

I. There shall be no signs displayed in the public right-of-way, except for the signs dispensed by the City described in subsections 8.16.090.G above, 8.16.090.O below, and those that come with the pre-assembled stands.

J. Each stand shall be provided with two, two-and-one-half gallon soda-and-acid or water pressure type fire extinguishers, underwriter approved, in good working order, and easily accessible for use in case of fire.

K. The fireworks stand shall be removed from the temporary location by twelve noon on July 6 of each year and all accompanying litter shall be cleared from the location by said time and date.

L. In the event the permittee does not so comply or remove the stand or clean the site in a manner required by the director of the building and safety division, the city may do so, or cause the same to be done by other persons, and the reasonable cost thereof shall be charged against the permittee and his surety and the deposit. Any permittee found to be in violation of this section shall be fined at an amount equal to the deposit, assessed on a per day basis, for each violation.

M. The permit to sell fireworks shall be displayed in a prominent place in the fireworks stand.

O. In addition to any other administrative procedures set forth by the City, it shall be the responsibility of each holder of a permit under this chapter to display a poster measuring 18" x 32" which shall be posted at the point of sale of the fireworks to notify purchasers of all applicable restrictions established by the Gardena Municipal Code. The city shall provide the posters, which shall be returned to the city after use. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.100 Deleted and revised as 8.16.090.

(Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.110 Deleted and revised as 8.16.030(E).

(Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1629 § 9, 2003; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.115 Fee imposed upon distributors.

A. Each fireworks wholesaler or distributor providing safe and sane fireworks to organizations permitted under this chapter shall pay an annual regulatory fee to the city in an amount equal to twenty thousand dollars, or such other amount as may subsequently be established by resolution of the city council, multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which is the number of permittees under permits issued by the city under this chapter, adjusted in accordance with subsection D of this section, and the numerator of which is the number of such permittees supplied by the wholesaler or distributor upon whom the fee is imposed.

B. The fee required by this section shall be payable within five days from the date that the community development director or designee notifies applicants that their permit has been approved pursuant to Section [8.16.050](#).

C. No fireworks wholesaler or distributor may supply a permittee with safe and sane fireworks, and no permittee may offer for sale or sell such fireworks, unless and until the fee imposed by this section has been paid to the city.

D. In the event a permittee is unable to operate under a permit issued under this chapter due to the failure of a wholesaler or distributor to pay the fee imposed herein, that permittee shall not be counted in the denominator for purposes of computing the spread of the fee under subsection A of this section.

E. Said annual regulatory fee was established not to generate revenue for the city, but to attempt to offset hard costs associated with police, public works, and recreation department staffing during the fireworks sale and discharge period, as well as other costs associated with ensuring community safety. (Ord. 1726 § 28 (part), 2011; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1571, 1999; Ord. 1564 § 2, 1999)

8.16.120 Temporary sales tax permit – Requirements.

A. Nonprofit organizations permitted for the selling of fireworks are required to obtain a temporary sales tax permit from the State Board of Equalization.

B. The temporary sales tax permit shall be displayed in a prominent place in the fireworks stand. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.130 Dates and hours of sale and use.

Safe and sane fireworks may be sold or displayed within Gardena between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the period between June 28th and July 4th of each year. Safe and sane fireworks may be possessed during the period from June 28th to 10:00 p.m. on July 4th of each year. All sale, display and possession shall be

conducted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and not otherwise. It is unlawful for any person to discharge any safe and sane fireworks except during the hours between 12:00 noon and 10:00 p.m. on July 4th of each year in any area of the city. (Ord. 1827 § 5, 2021; Ord. 1785 § 3, 2018; Ord. 1749 § 1, 2014; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.020)

8.16.140 Permissible locations for discharge.

The use of fireworks in the city shall be limited to private property except as otherwise provided in this chapter. No fireworks shall be discharged on public, semipublic, or private open areas such as parking lots, vacant properties, or in a public street or right-of-way, except in public parks and those areas approved by the fire chief. (Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.150 Prohibitions on discharge.

A. It is unlawful for any person to ignite, use, discharge, sell, offer for sale, or display for sale any dangerous fireworks, or take any action requiring a permit under California Health and Safety Code Section 12640, without a permit from the fire chief.

B. It is unlawful for any person to ignite, explode, project, or otherwise fire or use any fireworks, or permit the ignition, explosion or projection thereof, upon or over onto the property of another without his/her consent, or to ignite, explode, project, or otherwise fire or make use of any fireworks within ten feet of any residence dwelling or other structure used as a place of habitation by human beings.

C. It is unlawful for individuals under eighteen years of age to sell, purchase, possess, use, or discharge safe and sane fireworks. Proof of age shall be required.

D. It is unlawful for any person having the care, custody or control of a minor (under eighteen years old) to permit such minor to discharge, explode, fire or set off any dangerous fireworks, at any time.

E. It is unlawful for any person having the care, custody or control of a minor (under eighteen years old) to permit such minor to discharge or set off any "safe and sane fireworks" unless such minor does so under the direct supervision of a person over eighteen years of age and during the hours and on the days permitted by this chapter. (Ord. 1827 § 6, 2021; Ord. 1785 § 4, 2018; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.160)

8.16.155 Social host liability.

Any social host shall be strictly liable and subject to a fine for any unlawful ignition, use, discharge or display of any fireworks in violation of this chapter at their property or gathering; except that:

A. No owner of private property shall be liable under this section for a violation of Section [8.16.130](#), [8.16.140](#) or [8.16.150](#) on that property if the owner can demonstrate that at the time of such violation they (1) had rented or leased the property to another, (2) were not present, and (3) had no prior knowledge of the violation.

B. No person who has the right to use, possess or occupy a unit in a multifamily residential property under a lease, rental agreement, contract or covenant shall be liable under this section for violations of Section [8.16.130](#), [8.16.140](#) or [8.16.150](#) occurring in the common areas of the property. (Ord. 1827 § 7, 2021)

8.16.160 Storage.

Wholesale storage of “safe and sane fireworks” by fireworks wholesalers, licensed by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal, shall be in a building meeting the requirements of a Group H-3 occupancy as defined in the Uniform Building Code, unless said requirements have been modified to permit a Group S-I occupancy as defined in the Uniform Building Code, and can store year-round in Los Angeles County by a fireworks wholesaler licensed by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal, so long as said fireworks wholesaler has not been found to be in violation of the terms of this chapter as set forth in Section 8.16.090B. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999. Formerly 8.16.150)

8.16.170 Violation – Penalty.

A. Any person found to be in violation of California Health and Safety Code Sections 12500 through 12726 shall be subject to the punishments, fines and penalties set forth in California Health and Safety Code Sections 12700 through 12702, inclusive.

B. Any person found to be in violation of Section [8.16.140](#) or [8.16.150](#) is guilty of a misdemeanor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1.16.

C. Any person violating any other provisions of this chapter is guilty of an infraction which upon conviction thereof is punishable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1.16.

D. Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this chapter is subject to the issuance of an administrative citation and fine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1.20 (Administrative Citations) without prior issuance of a notice of violation.

E. Any person violating any of the provisions of state law or this chapter set forth in this section shall have his permit to sell fireworks revoked. (Ord. 1827 § 8, 2021; Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.180 Financial reporting.

All Nonprofit organizations will be required to disclose detailed financial reports to the City, pursuant to procedures set forth in the fireworks stand application packet. Information required will be listed on forms provided by the City as part of said application packet. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification from operating a fireworks stand in the next calendar year. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.190 Concurrent authorities.

This chapter is not the exclusive regulation for fireworks within the City of Gardena. It shall supplement and be in addition to the other regulatory codes, statutes, regulations and ordinances heretofore and hereinafter enacted

by the city of Gardena, the State of California or any other legal entity or agency having jurisdiction. (Ord. 1564 § 2 (part), 1999)

8.16.220 Provisions supplementary.

The provisions of this chapter are supplementary to the provisions of the Fire Code of the County of Los Angeles. In case of direct conflict between the provisions of the Fire Code of the county, and the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall prevail. Except with respect to such direct conflict, the provisions of the Fire Code of Los Angeles County shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 1671 § 1, 2005)

The Gardena Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 1878, passed January 28, 2025.

Disclaimer: The city clerk's office has the official version of the Gardena Municipal Code. Users should contact the city clerk's office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

City Website: <https://www.cityofgardena.org/>

City Telephone: (310) 217-9565

Codification services provided by [General Code](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6611

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL REGULATORY FEE FOR WHOLESALERS OR DISTRIBUTORS OF FIREWORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.16.115 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.16 of the Gardena Municipal Code authorizes the licensing and regulation of fireworks within the City of Gardena, and;

WHEREAS, Section 8.16.115 specifically authorizes the City Council to establish an annual regulatory fee to be paid by each fireworks wholesaler or distributor providing Safe and Sane fireworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ANNUAL REGULATORY FEE. The annual regulatory fee for wholesalers or distributors of fireworks in the City of Gardena shall be Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) until otherwise changed by the City Council. Said fee shall be apportioned to each wholesaler or distributor in accordance with Section 8.16.115.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT OF REGULATORY FEE. Said regulatory fee shall be paid by, and only by, a wholesaler or distributor, as provided in Section 8.16.115.A. Each wholesaler or distributor shall submit to the City information, as reasonably requested by City, to evidence compliance with this provision.

SECTION 3. EFFECT. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 24th day of January, 2023.

Tasha Cerda
TASHA CERDA, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 6611

ATTEST:

Mina Semenza

MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carmen Vasquez

CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6611** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **24th day of January 2023**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANCIS, MAYOR CERDA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
 HENDERSON AND TANAKA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE

for Becky Romero
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

(SEAL)



CITY OF GARDENA
**2024 APPROVED FIREWORKS STAND PERMITS
& STAND LOCATIONS**

- 1. Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce - Permit # 10024-0113**
1151 W. Redondo Beach Boulevard (7-Eleven)
Distributor: TNT Fireworks, Richard LeGaspi 714-738-1002
- 2. Gardena Valley Assembly of God - Permit # 10024-0115**
1735 W. Artesia Boulevard (Albertsons)
Distributor: TNT Fireworks, Richard LeGaspi 714-738-1002
- 3. Pacific Lutheran School - Permit # 10024-0117**
1299 W. Artesia Boulevard (Food 4 Less)
Distributor: TNT Fireworks, Richard LeGaspi 714-738-1002
- 4. Knights of Columbus Gardena Valley Council 4308 - Permit # 10024-0116**
15700 S. Western Avenue (CVS)
Distributor: TNT Fireworks Richard LeGaspi 714-738-1002
- 5. First Assembly of God Gardena/Faith Christian Center - Permit #10024-0114**
16401 S. Western Avenue (Faith Works)
Distributor: TNT Fireworks, Richard LeGaspi 714-738-1002
- 6. New Direction Community Church - Permit # 10024-0119**
2201 W. Redondo Beach Boulevard (Ralph's)
Director: Phantom Fireworks, Jahayra Solis 909-786-7799



PART V

EXAMPLES

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **SEP 15 2010**

13823 WOODRUFF AVE STE #
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

Employer Identification Number:
95-.....
DLN:
17053200330000
Contact Person:
THOMAS C KOESTER ID# 31116
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(i)
Form 990 Required:
No
Effective Date of Exemption:
November 9, 1973
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-FC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CO)

IRS Letter of Acknowledgement - Exempt 501(c)(3)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
 PO BOX 942857
 SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0640

sample

Franchise Tax Board - Entity Status Letter

Entity Status Letter

Date: 4/16/2015

ESL ID: 6846141882

According to our records, the following entity information is true and accurate as of the date of this letter.

Entity ID:

Entity Name:

- 1. The entity is in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- 2. The entity is not in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.
- 3. The entity is currently exempt from tax under Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701 d.
- 4. We do not have current information about the entity.

The above information does not necessarily reflect:

- The entity's status with any other agency of the State of California, or other government agency.
- If the entity's powers, rights, and privileges were suspended or forfeited at any time in the past, or the entity did business in California at a time when it was not qualified or not registered to do business in California:
 - o The status or voidability of any contracts made in California by the entity at a time when the entity was suspended or forfeited (R&TC Sections 23304.1, 23304.5, 23305a, 23305.1).
 - o For entities revived under R&TC Section 23305b, any time limitations on the revivor or limitation of the functions that can be performed by the entity.

Internet and Telephone Assistance

Website: ftb.ca.gov

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the United States

916.845.6500 from outside the United States

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 for persons with hearing or speech impairments



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

11/1/2018

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IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Lockton Companies (404) 460-3600	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURER A : Everest Indemnity Insurance Company		10851
INSURER B : Maxum Indemnity Company		26743
INSURER C : Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Ins Co		20044
INSURER D :		
INSURER E :		
INSURER F :		

INSURED
1359665 American Promotional Events, Inc.

Fullerton CA 92833
XXX6611

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 12160876 REVISION NUMBER: XXXXXXXX

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:	Y	N	SI8GL00242-171	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 500,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COM/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 \$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			NOT APPLICABLE			COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ XXXXXXXX BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ XXXXXXXX BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ XXXXXXXX PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ XXXXXXXX \$ XXXXXXXX
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$	Y	N	EXC6023470-05	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 5,000,000 \$ XXXXXXXX
C	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N N	N/A	AMWC818062 (AOS)	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
THIS CERTIFICATE SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CERTIFICATES FOR THIS HOLDER, APPLICABLE TO THE CARRIERS LISTED AND THE POLICY TERM(S) REFERENCED.
additional insured - property located @ 1299 W. Artesia Blvd., Gardena, CA. (XXX6611) Certificate holder is an additional insured on the General Liability as required by written contract subject to policy terms, conditions, and exclusions.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

12160876

& the City of
Gardena, their officers, agents and employees
when acting in their official capacities as such
1700 W. 162nd Street
Gardena CA 90247

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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DISPLAY CONSPICUOUSLY AT PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH ISSUED

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

TEMPORARY SELLER'S PERMIT

Valid 06/28/2018 through 07/04/2018



ACCOUNT NUMBER

SR AA 103-227

GARDENA, CA 90248-3369

NOTICE TO PERMITTEE:
You are required to obey all Federal and State laws that regulate or control your business. This permit does not allow you to do otherwise.

IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SALES AND USE TAX LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE LOCATION. THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE PERIODS SHOWN AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

**For general tax questions, please call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711).
For information on your rights, contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate office at 1-888-324-2798 or 1-916-324-2798.**

BOE-442-ST REV. 5 (11-14)

A MESSAGE TO OUR NEW PERMIT HOLDER

As a seller, you have rights and responsibilities under the Sales and Use Tax Law. In order to assist you in your endeavor and to better understand the law, we offer the following sources of help:

- Visiting our website at www.boe.ca.gov
- Visiting a field office
- Attending a Basic Sales and Use Tax Law class offered at one of our field offices
- Sending your questions in writing to any one of our offices
- Calling our toll-free Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711)

As a seller, you have the right to issue resale certificates for merchandise that you intend to resell. You also have the responsibility of not misusing resale certificates. While the sales tax is imposed upon the retailer,

- You have the right to seek reimbursement of the tax from your customer
- You are responsible for filing and paying your sales and use tax returns timely
- You have the right to be treated in a fair and equitable manner by the employees of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE)
- You are responsible for following the regulations set forth by the BOE

As a seller, you are expected to maintain the normal books and records of a prudent businessperson. You are required to maintain these books and records for no less than four years, and make them available for inspection by a BOE representative when requested. You are also expected to notify us if you are buying, selling, adding a location, or discontinuing your business, adding or dropping a partner, officer, or member, or when you are moving any or all of your business locations. If it becomes necessary to surrender this permit, you should only do so by mailing it to a BOE office, or giving it to a BOE representative.

If you would like to know more about your rights as a taxpayer, or if you are unable to resolve an issue with the BOE, please contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate office for help by calling toll-free, 1-888-324-2798 or 1-916-324-2798. Their fax number is 1-916-323-3319.

Please post this permit at the address for which it was issued and at a location visible to your customers.

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Sales and Use Tax Department



STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
RETAIL FIREWORKS LICENSE APPLICATION
 FWX-15 (REV. 12/18)

Complete and return all copies to the Office of State Fire Marshal with the required fee of \$150.00 made payable to "CAL FIRE". **Applications must be received prior to June 15th of the current year.**

Fire Engineering
 Office of the State Fire Marshal
 PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA
 94244-2460
 (916) 568-2948

LICENSEE INFORMATION

Name (Last, First): [redacted]	Phone Number:
Mailing Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): 134	a, Gardena, CA, 90247
Local Contact Person and Phone Number (if different from Licensee above): Lisa 0-9796	

STAND INFORMATION

Group Name: New	1
Physical Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): 22c	Gardena, CA, 90247
County of Stand Location: Los Angeles	

WHOLE SALE FIREWORK VENDOR INFORMATION

Business Name: PHANTOM FIREWORKS WESTERN REGION, LLC	License No.: W-0526
Contact Name: Edwa	Phone Number: 951-680

FIRE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

Fire Department: Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Physical Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): 1320 N. Eastern Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90063

CAL Fire Validation No. 5446 Valid Through 06/28/2024-07/06/2024

[Signature] _____ *[Signature]* _____ **01/16/2024**
 Signature of Fireworks Program Coordinator Signature of Licensee Date

-NOTICE-

COPY OF THIS NOTICE MUST BE POSTED AT STAND WITH A COPY OF THE LOCAL PERMIT

A validated license has been issued to the organization shown above for the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks at the location indicated. After a permit has been issued by the authority having jurisdiction this license allows the sale of only classified "Safe and Sane" fireworks at the approved location from NOON, June 28th to NOON, July 6th, of the year indicated. **NOTE:** Retail licensees are required to be atleast 21 years of age, employees of fireworks stand must be at least 18 and fireworks may not be sold to anyone under age of 16



DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1700 WEST 162nd STREET / GARDENA, CALIFORNIA 90247-3732 / WWW.CITYOFGARDENA.ORG / PHONE (310) 217-9530

Permit Application

<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	Permit number:		
Job Address	Unit #	Date	Planning

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Address	<input type="checkbox"/> New Address
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<input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Tenants	<input type="checkbox"/> Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Designer
	License No.
Name	Name
Address	Company Name
City/State/Zip	Address
Phone No.	City/State/Zip
Email Address	Phone No.
	Email Address

<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-Builder	Applicant/Contact Person
CA Lic No.: Lic. Class: City Lic No.:	Name
Company Name	Address
Address	City/State/Zip
City/State/Zip	Phone No.
Phone No	Email Address

Valuation of Work: \$	Sq. Ft.:	Grading Cubic yards:	Plan Page Count:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Property is Part of a H.O.A.	
Detailed Description of Work	If Re-Roof are you removing and reinstalling Solar Panels? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

****CERTIFICATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIZED INSTALLATIONS****

I hereby certify that I have read and examined this application and know that same to be true and correct. All provisions of laws and ordinances governing this type of work will be complied with whether specified herein or not. The granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any State Contractors License law and will comply with all of its provisions before commencing the performance of work covered by this permit. I am also aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the State Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability of workmen's compensation or to undertake self-insurance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work covered by this permit. I understand that the initial plan check fee is based on the information provided. Final valuation and other charges will be determined by the Building Official.

Signature:	Print Name:
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