

Chapter 97 Fireworks

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General References

Chapter 57 Special Events

Chapter 93 Fire Prevention

Code of Virginia References

§ 15.2-974. - Permits for display of fireworks; use and exhibitions.

§ 97-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the issuance of permits to fair associations, amusement parks and organizations and groups of individuals for the display of fireworks and to regulate the use and display of fireworks upon the granting of permits.

§ 97-2. Application for permit.

- A. Written application for a permit to display fireworks shall be made in triplicate to the County Administrator, stating the time, place, type of fireworks and circumstances under which they are proposed to be displayed.
- B. Each such application shall name at least one person who shall participate in displaying the fireworks who has had experience in displaying the type of fireworks proposed to be displayed.

§ 97-3. Approval of application; start of thirty-day period approved for storage.

Upon approval of an application for a permit to display fireworks, the County Administrator shall write across such application the wording "Approved," and the application shall be dated and signed by him, which date shall constitute the beginning of a thirty-day storage permitted for such fireworks as provided in § 97-7, and all fireworks covered by such permit shall be displayed or discharged within such thirty-day period.

§ 97-4. Disposition of permit and copies.

One copy of each application for a permit to display fireworks shall be kept on file by the County Administrator until after the date the fireworks are displayed, and two copies, after being approved as aforesaid, which will then become a permit to display fireworks, shall be returned to the applicant, who shall keep one copy on file for 60 days after displaying such

fireworks, and one copy shall be in the possession of the person in charge of displaying the fireworks at the time and place they are being displayed.

§ 97-5. Supervision of display.

Permits under this chapter shall provide that fireworks be displayed under the supervision of a peace officer of the county, who shall be present at the time such fireworks are displayed.

§ 97-6. Persons authorized to conduct display.

Not more than three persons, in addition to the officer mentioned in § 97-5, shall participate in displaying fireworks at one time, and all shall be persons over the age of 18 years.

§ 97-7. Storage of fireworks.

Prior to the use of fireworks pursuant to a permit, they shall be stored in a metal container in a building of masonry, concrete or other firm construction so that members of the public cannot have access to them. Such fireworks shall not be stored in the county for a period in excess of 30 consecutive days.

§ 97-8. Proximity of spectators.

No spectator or member of the public other than those who are participating in displaying or discharging fireworks shall be closer than 50 feet to the place where such fireworks are being displayed or discharged.

§ 97-9. Violations and penalties.¹⁹

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by confinement in jail not to exceed 12 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.

References

¹⁹ Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).