



York County, SC Requirements for Temporary Fireworks Stands

The following information is provided to assist applicants in obtaining permits, licenses and approvals to operate temporary fireworks stands in the unincorporated areas of York County, SC.

1. ZONING APPROVAL

- Must have letter from property owner showing consent to use the property for a temporary stand.
- Must submit a plat survey showing where the temporary stand and any temporary signs will be located, along with access drive and available parking for the site.
- Sign Requirements – Temporary Banner Permit to be issued under the following conditions:

Temporary Signs must be removed within 30 days of the occasion;

The signs must be placed a minimum of ten feet from all street right-of-ways. These signs cannot be located in a manner that causes poor sight distance visibility at intersections and driveways so that vehicles can safely enter and leave the property.

The signs must be self-supporting, securely anchored, or secured to a structure such as a building, canopy or on-premise light poles within the parking area. These signs cannot be located on trees, fences, telephone, power poles, roofs and the like.

The signs, in addition to meeting the above, cannot exceed 16 square feet, maximum 15 feet in height and are limited to six at any given time.

- A Temporary Zoning Compliance will be issued under the following conditions:
Structures must be placed a minimum of (10) ten feet from all street right-of-ways.
Structure must be removed within 30 days of the occasion or by date specified on the temporary zoning compliance.
- Contact Melody Kearse, in the York County Zoning Department, at 803-909-7216 for approval of the temporary use. The Zoning Department is located at 1070 Heckle Blvd, Suite 107 Rock Hill, SC.
- NOTE: IF POWER IS NEEDED FOR THE STAND, AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT WILL NEED TO BE ISSUED FROM BUILDING AND CODES.

2. SC RETAIL SALES TAX LICENSE

- The operator of the temporary fireworks stand must have a retail sales tax license issued by the SC Dept. of Revenue for the proposed location for at least 60 days prior to opening.
- The Rock Hill office of the SC Dept. of Revenue is located at 454 South Anderson Road, Business and Technology Center, Suite 202, Rock Hill, SC (Telephone: 803-324-7641)

3. FIRE INSPECTION

- SC Code of Laws, 23-35-70, requires any building where fireworks are sold to be inspected to determine compliance with the required safety standards.
- Temporary fireworks stands must meet the requirements of the South Carolina Pyrotechnic Safety Act. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download.
- Temporary fireworks stands must meet the requirements of the South Carolina Fireworks and Explosives Act (SC Code of Laws Title 23, chapter 35). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download.
- Contact the York County Department of Fire Safety at 803-909-7620, with a minimum of a 24 hours notice, to schedule the fire inspection.
- If a permanent power source is to be utilized, then a building permit must be obtained from York County Building & Codes located at 1070 Heckle Blvd, Suite 107 Rock Hill, SC. (Telephone: 803-909-7200)

4. SHERIFF'S APPROVAL

- The SC Code of Laws, 23-35-70, requires the Sheriff to approve the applicant and the place of business prior to a retail fireworks license being issued.
- To obtain the Sheriff's approval, the applicant shall take the **zoning approval** and the **fire inspection report** to the Sheriff's Office located at the Moss Justice Center, 1675-2A York Highway, York, SC. (Telephone: 803-628-3059)
- A 10 year criminal background check will be required for the applicant.

5. CLERK OF COURT

- The York County Clerk of Court issues fireworks licenses for the unincorporated areas of York County. The Clerk's office is located in the York County Court House at 2 South Congress Street in York, SC. (Telephone: 803-684-8507)
- The following documents must be presented to the Clerk's office to obtain a fireworks license: the **Retail Sales Tax License** from the SC Dept of Revenue, the **Fire Inspection Report Form** from the York County Dept of Fire Safety, and the **approval letter from the York County Sheriff**.
- There is a fifty (\$50.00) dollar fee to obtain a fireworks license.