



**University of Georgia  
Environmental Safety Division  
Office of Fire & Life Safety**

### **Guidelines for Fireworks/Pyrotechnics Displays**

The following is to be used as a guideline for the display of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices as outlined by the Office of Fire & Life Safety.

1. A Fireworks/Pyrotechnics Display Permit shall be acquired from the Environmental Safety Division Office of Fire & Life Safety a minimum of two weeks prior to the planned date of the display.
2. Operators shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to O.C.G.A. §25-10-1 et seq., entitled “Regulation of Fireworks.”
3. All National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and guidelines will be followed concerning fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. NFPA 1123, “Code for Fireworks Display,” and NFPA 1126, “Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience,” shall be the primary codes of jurisdiction. In the event of a conflict between those provisions and those of applicable law, the provisions of law shall take precedence.
4. The Athens-Clarke County Fire Department (or other applicable fire department) will be notified by the Office of Fire & Life Safety of all planned events a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the planned display.
5. The Athens-Clarke County Fire Department (or other applicable fire department) will be requested to be present at the time of all fireworks displays. The Office of Fire & Life Safety will be responsible for requesting the fire department is present at the fireworks display.
6. Only fireworks/pyrotechnics operators properly licensed in the State of Georgia will be allowed to display fireworks/pyrotechnics on University of Georgia property or at University sponsored events.
7. All fireworks/pyrotechnics operators will provide to the Office of Fire & Life Safety a bond in the principal amount of \$100,000 payable to the University of Georgia for payment of damages which may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of display, or, a copy of a public liability insurance policy in the amount of not less than one million dollars with an insurance company duly licensed by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia. Also, a copy of the permit granted by the judge of the probate court of the county in which the display is to be held will be submitted to the Office of Fire & Life Safety. The probate judge requires a minimum of ten (10) days prior notice to acquire a display permit. The fireworks/pyrotechnics operator must submit an approved display permit from the UGA Office of Fire & Life Safety to the judge of the probate court.
8. The Office of Fire & Life Safety will act as the “Authority Having Jurisdiction” on all University property and reserves the right to cancel or suspend any and all fireworks and pyrotechnic displays if it determines the safety of the public or property are at risk.
9. Additional information may be obtained from the Office of Fire & Life Safety, Environmental Safety Division, 240A Riverbend Road, Athens, Georgia 30602. Telephone: 706-542-5801.



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**Fireworks/Pyrotechnics Display Permit**

Application of event sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby submitted to obtain approval to conduct a fireworks display, including pyrotechnics. The display will be conducted by a competent operator, as outlined in NFPA 1123 and NFPA 1126, licensed in the State of Georgia, and will not be hazardous to persons or property.

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Attached are the following application requirements from the fireworks company:

- (a) A bond in the principal amount of \$100,000 payable to the University of Georgia for payment of damages which may be caused either to persons or to property by reason of display, or, a copy of a public liability insurance policy in the amount of not less than one million dollars with an insurance company duly licensed by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia.
- (b) A copy of the permit granted by the judge of the probate court of the county in which the display is to be held.

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Name of Event Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Display date and approximate starting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate date not to exceed two weeks from the original planned date)

Distance from launching site within which the public will not be allowed: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Description of fireworks to be used: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of launching site: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fireworks Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed/Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

Permission is hereby granted / denied for the above named sponsor and company to conduct a fireworks display in accordance with above stated information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of Fire & Life Safety Representative