



## City of Merced Fire Department

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*Michael R. Wilkinson, Fire Chief*

March 8, 2018

Organization Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip Code

Re: Fireworks Sales/Storage Permit Application

Dear Applicant,

Issuance of 2018 "Fireworks Sales/Storage Permits" will be in accordance with Merced Municipal Code, Title 8 Chapter 8.22. The ordinance outlines the requirements for participating in the sale of safe and sane fireworks for this coming Fourth of July. The following is a brief description of the key requirements for obtaining a permit for the fireworks sales season:

- Persons/Organizations that operated booths in 2017 will be "grandfathered" annually as long as they continue to be eligible and submit the appropriate application as outlined in the ordinance.
- New not-for-profit organizations that meet the eligibility requirements stated below and in the ordinance will be placed on a "priority list" established by the Fire Chief or his designee. When additional permits become available, the Fire Chief will issue permits based on the ranking of organizations on the priority list. If the number of approved applications exceeds the number of available permits, the order of placement on the priority list shall be determined by lottery.

### **Not-for-Profit Organizations**

1. The organization must be exempt from federal income tax, pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service.
2. The organization must be headquartered within and clearly affiliated or identified with the City of Merced.
3. The organization must be one of which provides direct and regular community service and benefits to the citizens of the City.
4. The organization holds their regular scheduled meetings within the City of Merced. (See ordinance for exceptions to this requirement).

To apply for a Fireworks Sales/Storage Permit, please submit the enclosed application, with a \$217.00 non-refundable application fee to the City of Merced Fire Department, 99 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2018.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 385-8873.

Sincerely,

Thomas England  
Deputy Fire Chief  
Enclosure