



Safe and Sane Fireworks Program
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
2023

2023 Important Dates

JAN 1 st to FEB 1 st 2023	Applications for Fireworks Permit Lottery Accepted at City Hall
March 16 th 2023 2:00 pm	Lottery (if required) at Fire Department
May 1 st 2023	Last Day to File All Required Documents for Stand Permit

WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT LOTTERY?

Applications are available at the Fire Department, City Hall and online at www.dixonfire.org

WHAT IS THE FILING FEE?

A filing fee of \$25.00 is due at the time of application.

WHERE DO I TURN IN THE APPLICATION?

Applications must be filed at City Hall, 600 East "A" Street in Dixon.

WHEN IS THE LOTTERY?

The lottery, if required will be held on March 16th 2023 at 2 pm in the Fire Department, 205 Ford Way, Dixon CA

HOW MANY PERMITS FOR EACH CATEGORY ARE AWARDED?

For 2023 a total of 6 permits will be awarded:

- Youth/Sports/Education: Two (2) permits available
- Service Clubs: One (1) permits available
- Faith-Based Organizations: One (1) permit available
- Veterans Organizations: One (1) permit available
- Last Chance (all the above not selected): One (1) permit available

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE ARE FEWER APPLICANTS THAN AVAILABLE PERMITS FOR A GIVEN CATEGORY?

In the event the number of applicants entered in a given lottery category is less than the number of permits available in the category, all remaining unselected applicants from all other lottery categories will be entered into a "second chance" lottery to award any remaining permits. Second chance lotteries will occur after all other lotteries are completed. This process will be repeated if necessary for other remaining un-awarded permits.

WHAT IF THE LOTTERY IS NOT REQUIRED?

If less than 6 qualified applications are received, the lottery will not be required and all applicants will be notified prior.

WE WERE SELECTED IN THE LOTTERY- NOW WHAT?

If you have not already done so, you should immediately contact a fireworks wholesaler of your choice. There are several requirements that must be met prior to the issuance of a permit:

- Retail Fireworks License from the CA State Fire Marshal
- CA State Board of Equalization Seller's Permit
- Proof of \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance
- An approved booth location
- City of Dixon Business License

The fireworks wholesaler will assist you with all of these items. The Fireworks Stand Permit Application and all of the supporting documentation along with the fee of \$150.00 must be turned in by May 1, 2023.

BOOTH PARTNERSHIPS / JOINT VENTURES

Groups who desire to partner in the operation of a fireworks stand may do so. The partner groups must be selected at the time of permit issuance. All groups operating as partners must have been original applicants in the lottery process. This insures they meet the qualifications as outlined in Ordinance 13-001.

WHAT INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY “NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS”?

Evidence of non-profit status shall consist of a “Letter of Determination” from the State of California Franchise Tax Board. If this letter cannot be obtained, other evidence must be offered and the Fire Chief and or City Clerk will determine its validity.

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A Franchise Tax Board FTB199N or FTB199 as evidence the non-profit is current and in good standing with the taxing authorities prior to submission of application for fireworks lottery. **THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS LOTTERY. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICATION.**

DO I HAVE TO RESIDE IN THE CITY OR MUST MY “NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION” CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE CITY?

The organization must have either; a minimum *bona fide* membership of at least twenty five (25) or 100% whichever is less, adult members who reside in the city. Additionally, the organization must have its permanent meeting place and headquarters within the city limits of Dixon.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

On or before November 1st of any year during which a nonprofit organization received a Fireworks Sales Permit, the nonprofit organization shall submit to the **CITY CLERK** a copy of the most recent report filed by the nonprofit organization with the State Board of Equalization. The filing of this statement shall be a condition precedent to the granting of any subsequent Fireworks Sales Permits.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER CALL OR EMAIL TO REMIND YOU IF DOCUMENTATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. PLEASE FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE TO KEEP YOUR ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING FOR FUTURE FIREWORKS STAND ELIGIBILITY.

