

FIREWORKS SURVEY

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City of Carson Population: 91,714 19 square miles Contact: Sandra (310) 952-1748	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application due from 3/1 to 4/1• Must be established 1 year prior to filing application• Organization can be outside city with 50% of members residing in City• Must have a minimum of 20 bona fide members• Members verified via house call, telephone or email.	A) \$225 license fee \$150 storage permit (optional) \$25 permit fee \$50 clean-up deposit (refundable) B) Wholesalers pay a business license fee each year (\$153 license + \$15 processing fee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant must provide recorded deed showing ownership.• Copy of lease required.• 10% cap of previous year's gross receipts is assessed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 22 stands; to be reduced to 20 as number of applications drop.• Prior year applicants keep their slot unless they do not reapply or become disqualified.• Slots filled from waiting list; first come, first serve.	A) June 28th to July 4th from Noon to 10 p.m. and June 29th to July 4th from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. B) July 28th Noon to July 4th with no restrictions on hours of discharge	A) An accounting of gross receipts, all expenditures and use of net profits along with a copy of Sales Tax Return. B) No receipts are required unless problem encountered. C) Audit conducted by Business License staff- no backup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problems with wholesalers taking property locations from other wholesalers.• Organizations possibly not reporting accurately.• Safety Seminars becoming a problem due to the strict rules that applicants must attend by 6 pm.
City of Bellflower Population: 76,616 Size: 6.1 quare miles Contact: Carolina (562) 804-1424, ext. 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters sent to prior year's permit holders requesting letter of intent (sent Jan 1st)• Letter of intent must be submitted by Feb 1st• Application must be submitted by April 1st• Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, or charitable purposes• Must have 20 members that either reside, work or operate a business within the city.• They do not verify members or meetings.	A) \$100 application fee \$150 fireworks stand permit \$150 bond (refundable) B) No fee paid by wholesaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the lease required.• Cap of \$1,000 in any one year• Adjusted (COLA) every 5 years according to the CPI not to exceed 15% and no negative COLA shall be applied• No problem regarding rents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 14 stands• Prior year applicants keep their slot unless they have elected not to reapply or become disqualified.• Slot filled by applicants from waiting list, first come first serve basis.	A) July 1st to July 4th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. B) July 1st to July 4th from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.	A) Accounting of gross receipts, expenditures and use of net profits along with a copy of Sales Tax Return. B) No receipts or bank statements are required. C) Financial reports audited by second party auditor along with all other reports given to city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No problems for past 5 years.• Do not require fire safety seminar; copy of code given to each organization and they must comply with all regulations.• Building and Safety Department conducts inspections at each stand before permits are issued.

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City of Compton Population: 96,455 10.2 square miles Contact: Oscar City Clerk's Dept. (310) 605-5530	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, or charitable purposes• Must have 35 bona fide members.• Must have principal and permanent meeting place in city and be established for minimum of 1 year preceding filing of application.• Do not verify members or meetings.	A) \$250 permit fee \$200 clean-up deposit (refundable) B) No fee is required from wholesaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No cap on the rent. If rent exceeds \$3,000, groups complain to wholesaler and rent is reduced.• City does not get involved with lease agreements between the wholesaler and landowners.• If organization get location for free, wholesaler gives a kick-back of a few dollars. Not sure of the amount because handled by a third party auditor.• Applicants must provide a recorded deed showing ownership of stand location or executed lease, rental, or license agreement showing that applicant has legal right to operate fireworks stand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 12 stands; maximum of 15 stands permitted.• Lottery held on second Tuesday in May at 11 a.m. to select groups; held every 2 years, providing all requirements are met• One fireworks stand per every 8,000 residents.	A) June 30th to July 4th from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. B) July 4th only with no restrictions on hours of discharge	A) Applicants agree to submit copies of receipts for expenditures by Sept 1st of the operating year. The net proceeds shall only benefit the City. C) Audit is conducted by staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have not experienced problems the past few years.• City deals only with the wholesalers. Wholesalers given packets to distribute to the groups. City staff does not know who will be running a stand until the lottery.• No safety seminar conducted by the city. Wholesaler holds meetings with groups.
City of Gardena Population: 58,829 5.9 square miles Contact: Hector (310) 217-6191	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-profits, charity, church, corporation, club, or society, organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic, benevolent, betterment, youth activities, or charitable purposes; a recognized elementary, junior high, high school or college that serves residents of Gardena and has obtained a non-profit status with either FTB or IRS.• Organization must have principal and permanent mtg place in city and been established in city for 1 year• Must have a 25 bona fide members	A) \$469 application fee \$235 cash deposit (refundable) \$536 Temporary Use Permit Application Fee B) Fireworks wholesalers shall pay an annual regulatory fee to city of \$20,000, or an amount established by Council resolution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes, required to provide written consent of property owner and/or lessor, whichever is the controlling party.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 8 stands• If applications exceed 8, prior year permittees have first priority so long as they continue to represent the organization. If a joint venture, any change in organization within the joint venture shall constitute a change causing that joint venture to lose its priority. If any permits remain, a lottery supervised by the City Clerk is held on or before April 16th.	A) June 28th to July 4th from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. B) June 28th to July 4th from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	A) Organizations must complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attachment E for disbursements of funds• Attachment F to report expenditures• Both forms indicate that they may be subject to an audit• All non-profit organizations are required to disclose detailed financial reports to the city. pursuant to procedures set forth in the fireworks stand application packet. Information required will be listed on forms provided by the city.	The Fire Department conducts the Safety Seminar.

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City of Garden Grove Population: 170,883 18 square miles Contact: Pam (714) 741-5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application shall be on forms prescribed by finance director and filed no later than May 24th.• Must be a federal or state approved non-profit organization located within the city and primarily benefitting the Garden Grove community. (B) (C)	A) \$500 permit fee which covers all costs associated with issuance of the permit (electrical permit, inspection, enforcement and clean-up costs). After 4th of July, the Fire Department conducts an accounting of all costs. If excess funds remain after the assessment, those excess funds shall be returned to each permittee on an equal-pro-rata basis. B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required to submit a notarized affidavit from property owner approving stand. City provides form. Only original signatures are accepted without documentation showing that manager or agent can sign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 45 stands; if number falls below 45, Fire Department conducts lottery to bring number up to 45.• Fire Chief or designee approves/denies applications based on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Assessment of applicants' proposed operations for compliance with City Code.2. If past permit holder, no prior violations of code or any condition imposed in the past and applicants prior safety history in operating fireworks stand.3. Assessment of proposed operation relative to health, safety and welfare. Conditions may be imposed on permit to ensure compliance with code and as determined to be appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare from impacts of operation of the stand.	Sales and discharge are from: July 1st to July 3rd from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on July 4th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. B) C)	A) An affidavit stating all profits shall be notarized, they must provide the name of each organization receiving donations. A financial report form is provided that must be completed by August 31st. B) C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory safety seminar held by Fire Permit and Business License to each group.
City of Hawaiian Gardens Population: 14,254 1 square mile Contact: City Clerk? (562) 766-1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications must file with City Clerk by May 1st.• Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, or charitable purposes• Must have 20 bona fide members.• Shall have principal and permanent meeting place in city and shall have been established for a minimum of 2 years proceeding the filing of the application.	A) B)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 10 stands.• Based on date and time received; if tie, tie is broken based upon a random drawing by the City Clerk and City Manager.	A) July 1st to July 4th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. B) July 1st to July 4th from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	A letter signed by the organizations president specifying the funds collected as a result of sales of the fireworks and must include a list of projects with the specific funds that have been allocated and expended that specifically benefit the members of the city.	LEFT MESSAGE WITH LINDA ZUNIGA

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City of Hawthorne Population: 84,293 6.1 sq. miles Contact: Natalie, Mgr. (310) 349-2935	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due between March 1st - April 1st• Must have permanent meeting place in city and been organized and established in city for 5 years continuously preceding filing of application.• No minimum numbers and do not visit or• Verify documents and do not visit or investigate meetings or membership.	A) \$100 application fee \$325 permit fee B) Wholesaler pays permit fee of based on gross receipts with a minimum of \$75 paid between the 15th day of February and the 30th day of June. Wholesaler must file a disclosure statement two weeks prior to the drawing. Information on a form provided by the finance department which shall include such as the available locations, the amount of rent for the location, the prior history of profitability of the location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of lease agreement required.• Immediately following public lottery, selected applicants meet with business license supervisor to determine location of fireworks stands. The Hawthorne VFW and the American Legion Post 314 have first priority for locations. Thereafter, in the order that other applicants were selected, each applicant selections a location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 8 stands (1 for Veterans of Foreign War Post 2075 and one for American Legion Post 314). If they do not reapply, the number of stands is reduced to six.• If more than 8 apply, a public lottery held during the first or second regularly scheduled city council meeting in April.• Business license supervisor places names of all eligible applicants into tumbler and picks the names at a time.	A) June 28th Noon to July 4th 9 p.m. B) July 4th only from Noon to 10 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each organization must submit a financial summary of both expenses and total sales from fireworks by August 31st of each year. The financial summary shall have a summary of actual sales - if they fail to make the deadline, a penalty of \$300 is assessed. If they fail to comply by the second deadline of September 15th, an additional penalty of \$200 shall be assessed.• They do not audit the financial reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No problems in the past few years.• No safety seminar is conducted.
City of Huntington Park Population: 58,114 3 square miles Contact: Building (323) 582-6161	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application must be filed between the first day and last day of April.• Only non-profit organizations, associations, corporations eligible.• Must have 15 bona fide members• Shall have principal and permanent meeting place in city and shall have been established for a minimum of 1 year proceeding the filing of application.	A) \$250 application fee plus \$100 for each fireworks stand. B) Wholesalers shall pay to the city one percent of gross retail sales as reported to the Board of Equalization by September 30th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each applicant shall pay a land rental fee to property owners of no more than \$1,000 for each fireworks stand location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 18 stands• Prior years' applicants have priority unless they do not reapply or are disqualified.• Available slots will be filled by applicants on the waiting list through a lottery.	A) June 28th to July 4th with no restrictions on hours of operation B) July 4th only with no restrictions on hours of discharge	<p>The applicant shall submit a completed report by no later than August 1st which shall include the gross proceeds of the sale, an itemization of all expenditures and the amounts to be retained for community service related activities to be carried out within the city. Said report shall include buy not limited to, receipts, cancelled checks, etc.</p>	SENT E-MAIL TO: jrios@huntingtonpark.org
City of Lakewood Population: 80,048 9.5 square miles Contact: Gloria Rames Finance Dept. (562) 866-9771	<p>Application must be filed prior to the first day of April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations• Must have 20 bona fide members• Shall have their principal and permanent meeting place in the city and shall have been established for a minimum of 1 year proceeding the filing of the application.• 50% of its members must reside within the city• Do not verify meetings or membership	A) \$ 85 + \$5 per employee for business license • \$100 application fee • \$150 cash bond (refundable) B) No fee required for wholesaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the lease agreement is required.• Applicant shall pay property owner or manager no more than \$1,000 (cash or merchandise) for rent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 25 stands• Prior years' applicants have first priority unless they do not reapply or are disqualified.• Available slot will be filled by applicants on the waiting list through a lottery.	A) June 28th to July 4th from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. B) July 4th only from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.	<p>An accounting of gross receipts, all expenditures and use of net profits along with a copy of their Sales Tax Return shall be submitted by April 1st of the following year. No copies of bank statements or receipts are required.</p> <p>The audit is conducted by the Business License Senior</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No longer holding fire safety seminar; instead they send a package out with safety laws and regulations.

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City of Lawndale Population: 32,769 2 square miles Contact: Chandra, Business License (310) 973-3200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application must be filed with the City Clerk by the last business day in January.• Non-profit organizations and associations• Must be city for a minimum of 7 years preceding the filing of the application• 30% of its members must reside within the city; if youth-based, 30% of the youth members must reside within the city• Verification of membership is done through submission of list of names and addresses and, in the case of youth-based organizations, a statement of the age of each member.• Do not go out to verify meetings and membership.	A) \$150 filing fee - the \$50 is refundable if they are not selected to have a stand B) Wholesalers pay a \$64 license fee plus a \$75 application fee (new) or a \$50 processing fee (renewal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must provide plot plans approved by the owner of the property and City.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 8 stands plus one for the city's Parks and Recreation Department or Social Services Commission.• 5 stands shall be allotted to Lawndale youth-based organizations• 3 stands shall be allotted to Lawndale community-based organizations• If city receives more applications than permitted, names of all qualified applicants are placed in two categories, from which they will be drawn by the Mayor.• The draw for each category shall be held independently.• Parks and recreation department or social services commission is authorized to operate the 9th slot.	A) June 28th to July 4th with no restrictions on hours of operation B) July 4th only from Noon to 1 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By 9/1, organizations shall submit an accounting of all proceeds including a copy of the state, local and district sales and use tax return.• By 11/30, organizations shall submit to the city on form specified by the city, an accounting of expenditures showing net revenue was spent, as required in code. City will not send reminder notices of requirement. Failure to submit report by 11/30 results in automatic disqualification for the following year's application until the form is submitted.• City manger annually selects a minimum of two of the accounts to be audited by the City's finance department. Each organization selected for audit shall be advised of the audit in writing. Should the organization fail to submit the necessary documents requested to complete the audit, they shall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only issue is that some groups do not have enough members to operate stands. City allowed stands to be split between two organizations that did not get selected to fill a slot.• No mandatory safety seminar, instead they hold mandatory meetings with Director of Finance and Shaudra to discuss fireworks program. Meeting held with Community Development and Planning and Shaundra to discuss plot plan and any other stand requirements.• If groups do not attend these meetings, they are disqualified.
City of Paramount Population: 54,098 4.8 square miles Contact: Margarita, Business License (562) 20-2010, and Anulita Garcia, Planning Dept (562) 230-2036	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application must be filed with the Community Development Director from February 1 to April 1st.• Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, or charitable purposes• Have their principal and permanent meeting place <u>in the city</u> and shall have been established for a minimum of 2 years preceding the filing of the application.• Do not go out to verify meetings and membership.	A) \$15 application fee B) No fee required for wholesaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the lease agreement is required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 8 stands• 8 stands are already assigned to organizations. Should one or more not submit an application, or is disqualified, the number of permit will be permanently reduced.	A) June 28th to July 4th from B) July 3rd to July 4th with no restrictions on hours of discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will send me a copy of the fireworks package• Provides information regarding fireworks and safety to organizations to reproduce and distribute to whomever purchases fireworks.• Planning Department handles the administration of fireworks program.	

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City of South Gate Population: 94,396 7.4 square miles Contact: (323) 563-9500	Application must be filed not earlier than March 1st and not later than May 1st • Non-profit organizations, associations, corporations organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, or charitable purposes • Must have 20 bona fide members • Shall have their principal and permanent meeting place in the city and shall have been established for a minimum of 1 year proceeding the filing of the application. <i>Note: The city must also require an organization to provide</i>	A) \$200 permit fee + \$30 regulatory fee B) No fee required for wholesaler	• Applicant must provide a written statement from the property owner, lessor or sublessor as to whether the applicant has permission.	• Maximum of 20 stands • First priority given to organizations issued permits for 9 of 10 years. • Second priority given to organizations issued permits for 7 consecutive years. • Third priority given to organizations chosen at random in a drawing conducted by the city. • If the number of eligible organizations in 1st priority exceeds 20 then each eligible organization in that class shall be subject to a drawing. • In the event the number of eligible organizations in 2nd priority exceeds the number of remaining permits, each organization is subject to a drawing.	A) June 28th to July 4th with no restriction on hours of operation B) July 28th Noon to July 4th Midnight with no restrictions on hours of discharge	A) By March 1st of the following year, permittee shall file a report with the tax collector describing each service project, and accounting for funds derived from the retail sale of fireworks. B) C) City may require an organization to provide additional information such as an operating budget.	
City of Santa Ana Population: 324,528 27.5 square miles Contact: Alex Business License (714) 647-5400	• Returning organization applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on May 1st • Incomplete or insufficient information must be corrected by May 31st • Applicants must be a bona fide non-profit as recognized by the State for charitable, fraternal, patriotic service or religious purposes with their principal and permanent meeting place within the city, and at least 50% of the members residing within the city limits. • Do not go out to verify meetings or membership	A) \$200 permit fee + \$30 regulatory fee B) No fee required for wholesaler	UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH PLANNING PERSONNEL	• Maximum of 85 stands • Organizations that received a permit in the previous year will first priority as long as they meet the requirements. • If the number of returning organizations is less than 85, the open slots shall be filled by lottery for the following year fireworks season. • Lottery applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 15th of the year the permit is to be issued. Lottery will be drawn on the 1st working day after April 20th.	• Sales and discharge is from July 1st (Noon to 10 p.m.), July 2nd and 3rd (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.), and July 4th (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)	UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH PLANNING PERSONNEL	Planning Department handles the administration of the Fireworks Program and Business Business collects the fees.