

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING  
PUBLIC FIREWORKS AND DISPLAYS**

**Whereas**, Chapter 127 & 128 requires that a County duly license the using or exploding of any fireworks, and

**Whereas**, that same statutes allows for the County Board to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for supervised public displays of fireworks, and

**Since**, the governing body is to require a minimum \$1,000.00 bond the licensee,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Knox County Board:

- A. That the County Board Chairman is authorized and empowered to grant and issue permits for supervised public displays of fireworks in the county outside the corporate limits of any city, village or incorporated town upon a proper application therefore by any group of three or more adult individuals, resident in the territory, being filed with the county clerk and clerk of the board pursuant to the terms and provisions of state law. Such permit shall be issued only after inspection of the display site by the County Board Chairman or his representative to determine that such display shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person or persons.
- B. That the application for the permit shall be filed in writing with the clerk AT LEAST 15 DAYS IN ADVANCE of the date of the display and shall name and submit therein the names of at least three (3) qualified and competent individuals experienced in the handling of fireworks displays. Action shall be taken on such application within forty-eight (48) hours after such application is made. No permit shall be required for supervised public displays by State or County Fair Association. No permit issued shall be transferable.
- C. That each application for permit be accompanied by an application fee of \$2.00 payable to the county clerk. Each licensee, except municipalities, shall post a bond upon receiving a permit in the sum not less than \$1,000.00 conditioned on compliance with the provisions of Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 127 1/2 & 127 through 131, and with all regulations of the State Fire Marshall. Said bond shall be filed with the County Clerk and in a form approved by the County Clerk.
- D. That the permit when issued shall name the individual selected and designated by the Chairman of the Board to handle the display and no person other than the individual so designated, shall be permitted to handle the display. The permit, when the application has been approved, shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board and countersigned by the Clerk thereof, and shall be non-transferable to any other group other than the group applying thereof, and shall be subject to all the provisions of state law.
- E. That one copy of every permit issued will be forwarded to the State Fire Marshall's office (3150 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62706). One copy is to be kept on file by the issuing officer, one copy is to be sent to the Fireworks supplier for their files, and one copy must be kept in the possession of the display supervisor.
- F. The County Board Chairman will duly authorize a local official to issued permits and make inspections of the display site.