



**Grande Prairie Fire Department**  
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**Permit to purchase and possess fireworks within the City of Grande Prairie.**

**NOTE:** This permit is issued by the City of Grande Prairie Fire Department under its jurisdiction within the boundaries of the City of Grande Prairie. Should any person desire to purchase fireworks outside of the City of Grande Prairie, a permit must be obtained from the municipality involved to purchase and/or display.

**Permit #:** \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PERMIT AUTHORIZES:

**Permit Expiry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: \* As the person applying for this permit, I acknowledge the following: Check all applicable boxes**

- I am over eighteen years of age. (Applicant provided proof)
- I will obtain a Parks Use Permit prior to display. (2 million dollars liability insurance is required)
- Fireworks are allowed to be displayed on private lands (1 hectare/ (2.5) acres or greater in area, and must be 50 meters from property line.
- I will not discharge these fireworks within 10 meters of any building, or 200 meters of any flammable or combustible liquids storage, or 250 meters of any correctional institute, nursing home, or hospital.
- I will not discharge these fireworks if the wind exceeds 45 km/h.
- I will not discharge these fireworks from on or over public lands or forests without written permission.
- Should a Safety Codes Officer order a halt to the display for safety reasons, I will immediately comply.
- I will contact the local fire department for permission if display is not within the City of Grande Prairie
- All requirements in the 2014 Alberta Fire Code Division B 5.7 will be adhered to-**See reverse side**

**PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grande Prairie Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) (Signature)

**Fireworks Display History**

Display Date	Display Location	Landowners Signature (if different from permit holder)	Approximate display time	FD Signature

This permit is valid for the purchase, possession, and display of 1 fireworks event. \$40.00(No GST)  
 Each additional display is \$20.00

**NOTE: Fire Department Authorization is required each time a fireworks display is conducted within the City of Grande Prairie, this permit must be signed by the Grande Prairie Fire Department.**



## **Alberta Fire Code 2014**

### **5.7.1.3. Discharge**

- 1)** Except as permitted in Clause 5.7.1.7.(1)(b), no person shall discharge, fire or set off *fireworks* from, on or over
- a) public land as defined in the Public Lands Act, or
  - b) a forest protection area designated under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

### **5.7.1.4. Prohibited**

- 1)** No person shall have in their possession, sell, offer for sale, give away or otherwise distribute, discharge, fire or set off *firecrackers*.
- 2)** No person shall purchase, store, use or supervise the use of a pyrotechnic device unless,
- a) the pyrotechnic device conforms to the requirements of the "Explosives Act" and its Regulations, published by Natural Resources Canada, and
  - b) the person is certified in accordance with the "Explosives Act" and its Regulations, published by Natural Resources Canada.

### **5.7.1.5. Activities**

- 1)** No person shall discharge, fire or set off *fireworks*
- a) in a place or in a manner that creates a danger or constitutes a nuisance to any person or property,
  - b) on a highway, road allowance, public beach or park unless they first obtain written permission from the fire department,
  - c) on privately owned land unless they
    - i) first obtain the written consent of the *owner* or occupant of that land and the *owner* or occupant of neighboring land on which debris might reasonably be expected to fall, and
    - ii) provide a copy of the consent required in Sub clause (c)(i) to the fire department,
  - d) in a *building* or place, unless
    - i) the *fireworks* are specifically designed and clearly marked by the manufacturer for such use, and
    - ii) the *building* or place is acceptable to the fire department,
  - e) within 10 m of any *building*, tent, trailer, canvas shelter or motor vehicle,
  - f) within 200 m of any place where explosives or *flammable liquids* or *combustible liquids* or substances are manufactured or stored,
  - g) within 250 m of a correctional institution as defined in the Corrections Act, a facility as defined in the Mental Health Act, a nursing home within the meaning of the Nursing Homes Act, a social care facility as defined in the Social Care Facilities Licensing Act, a hospital as defined in the Hospitals Act, an educational institution or a church, unless acceptable to the fire department, or
  - h) when the wind velocity exceeds 45 km/h or when, in the opinion of the fire department, weather conditions create an undue fire hazard.
- 2)** The fire department is permitted to require a person to cease the discharging, firing or setting off of *fireworks* when considered necessary to do so for reasons of safety.

### **5.7.1.6. Authority**

- 1)** The fire department, or *forest officer* in the forest protection area, is permitted to seize, take, remove or cause to be seized, taken or removed any *fireworks* offered or exposed for sale or being held or used contrary to this Section.
- 2)** Where *fireworks* are seized in accordance with Sentence (1), the fire department, or *forest officer* in the forest protection area, shall dispose of them in a safe manner.

### **5.7.1.7. Written Permission**

- 1)** No person shall
- a) purchase, possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off *fireworks* unless written permission issued by the fire department for that purpose has been obtained, or
  - b) discharge, fire or set off *fireworks* in a forest protection area unless written permission issued by a *forest officer* for that purpose has been obtained.
- 2)** Written permission issued under Sentence (1)
- a) shall specify the date, time and location on which the *fireworks* are to be discharged, and
  - b) is permitted to contain any other terms and conditions the fire department or *forest officer* considers necessary to ensure the safe use of the *fireworks*.
- 3)** Permission shall not be granted under this Section in respect to *high-hazard fireworks* unless the applicant possesses a *fireworks* supervisor card issued pursuant to the "Explosives Act" and its Regulations, published by Natural Resources Canada.

### **5.7.1.9. Age Requirement**

- 1)** No person who is under 18 years of age shall purchase, possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off *fireworks*.

### **5.7.1.10. Discharging**

- 1)** *Fireworks* from which a projectile is discharged shall be set up in such a manner so that when ignited the projectile will go into the air in a vertical direction not more than 15° off the perpendicular.
- 2)** Where ground level *fireworks* are discharged
- a) they shall be positioned out of the firing range of aerial *fireworks* and in a location where there is no dry grass or combustible material on the ground beneath them, and
  - b) the area shall be thoroughly wet down immediately before the *fireworks* are discharged.
- 3)** A portable extinguisher having a rating of not less than 2-A shall be provided and kept in the immediate discharge area.



# Fireworks



1. Permit required to purchase and display.
2. Allowed to be displayed on private lands 1 hectare/2.5 acres or greater in area.
3. Must be 50 meters or greater distance from the property line.
4. Must be 10 meters away from any building, or 200 meters of any flammable or combustible liquids storage, or 250 meters of any correctional institute, nursing home, or hospital.



**For more information:**  
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