



2018-19 Retail Fireworks Stand Application, Permitting and Inspection Process

In June 2017, a new law, HB3907 passed in the Texas legislature and changed the fee structure for the inspection of retail fireworks site. Due to this new law, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved a revised fee structure for the permitting and inspection of retail fireworks sites in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. Bexar County has adopted the 2015 International Fire Code and 2015 International Building Code as well as local amendments to these codes. The Bexar County Fire Code also requires permits for temporary structures. Retail fireworks stands are considered temporary structures by the Bexar County Fire Code and are required to be permitted as such. The newly revised fee schedule pertaining to temporary structures and retail fireworks site inspections is as follows:

Temporary Structure Permits	400 - 750 sq. ft. = \$75.00 More than 750 sq. ft. = \$75.00 + \$.025 sq. ft.
This fee is for registration of temporary structures (tents, air supported structures, canopies, construction trailers, retail fireworks stands, etc.). An inspection of the structure is also required to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements. An additional Fire/Safety Inspection fee will be assessed for the inspection (refer to fee below). Valid for up to 365 days (1 yr.).	
Retail Fireworks Site Inspections	less than 25,000 sq. ft \$100.00 + \$25 ea. addl. bldg. 25,000-99,999 sq. ft \$200.00 + \$25 ea. addl. bldg. 100,000 sq. ft or more \$300.00 + \$25 ea. addl. bldg.
This fee is for the inspection of retail fireworks sites (stands and indoor sites) to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code and HB 3907 and minimum safety standards adopted by the state. This fee is only charged once per calendar year for each retail fireworks site. If several retail fireworks stands are chained together to form one continuous stand, each stand will count as an additional building.	

These are the three (3) simple steps to obtain a temporary structure permit and receive a fire and life safety inspection for a Retail Fireworks Stand in Unincorporated Bexar County:

1. Complete the Application for Temporary Structure: Outdoor Retail Fireworks Stand.*
2. Submit fees for a Temporary Structure Permit(s) and Retail Fireworks Site Inspection (checks or cash only).*
** Steps 1 & 2 must be done in person at the Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office (BCFMO).*
3. Pass a fire and life safety inspection once the structure is in place and the product has been placed on the shelves within the stand. ***It is the stand operator's responsibility to ensure that the stand has been permitted and inspected by the BCFMO prior to opening to the public.****
** If you are ready for inspection and an inspector has not visited your site, please call 210-335-0300 and press option 9 and speak to the receptionist.*

The diagram below shows the temporary structure fee and inspection fees for a typical stand setup:

A SINGLE STAND:

Inspection fee (per calendar year): \$100 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$175
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TWO STANDS LINKED TOGETHER:

Inspection fee (per calendar year): \$100 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$175	Inspection fee (addl. bldg, per calendar year): \$25 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$100
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THREE STANDS LINKED TOGETHER:

Inspection fee (per calendar year): \$100 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$175	Inspection fee (addl. bldg, per calendar year): \$25 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$100	Inspection fee (addl. bldg, per calendar year): \$25 Temporary Structure Permit (per sales period): \$75 Total fees: \$100
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