North Carolina Fireworks Laws

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically Sparklers, fountains, smoke devices, snake and glow worms, trick

Permitted noisemakers, and toy pistol caps.

Specifically Explosive or aerial fireworks, roman candles, and rockets or similar

Prohibited devices.

DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display Permit Apply to local fire official. Must comply with NFPA 1123, NFPA 1126 and

Chapter 33 of International Fire Code, 2000 Edition.

Insurance None specifically required in state law.

Operator No license specifically required in state law, operator must be technically

competent. May be local requirements. Bond or certificate of insurance

required.

MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION

Manufacturing of fireworks not permitted.

LICENSING

State License required annually, apply to state tax commissioner.

Wholesaler distribution \$1400

Wholesaler 400

Retail permit required at local level, apply to municipal clerk, \$50 fee. Wholesalers may sell only to licensed retailers or jobbers. Retailer may

buy only from licensed wholesaler or jobbers.

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal

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