

Inspections, Merchant Licenses, Permits

Every wholesale or retail vendor must have and display a City Merchant's License, County Merchant's License and State Permit. Retail sales locations must be inspected by the Cape Girardeau Fire Department before a City Merchant's License is issued to the vendor. Locations may also be inspected by a representative of the Missouri State Fire Marshall's office.

Cape Girardeau Fire Department Inspections

Cape Girardeau Fire Department
1 South Sprigg Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
573.339.6330

City Merchant's License

City fees are \$10, plus a tax of \$1 per \$1,000 of gross receipts. Fees cover the first \$10,000 of vendor's gross receipts.

City of Cape Girardeau
Customer Service Office
401 Independence Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
573.339.6332

County Merchant's License

Cape Girardeau County fees are \$25 for each retail location; a Missouri Sales Tax Number is needed to apply for a County Merchant's License.

Cape Girardeau County
County Collector
44 North Lorimer Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
573.243.4476 or 573.335.2606

Missouri State Permit

The Missouri State Permit for Seasonal Retail Sale of Fireworks is \$25 per location.

Missouri Division of Fire Safety
P.O. Box 844
Jefferson City, MO 65102
573.751.2930
dfs.dps.mo.gov

This is only a summary of the Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau. For more information regarding these ordinances, please visit:

cityofcape.org/fireworks

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Seasonal Fireworks Guidelines for Retail Locations

Dates and Hours for Fireworks Sales

June 27 to July 4 between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.
No fireworks sold after 10 p.m. on July 4

Dates and Hours for Fireworks Use

June 27 to July 3 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
July 4 between 10 a.m. and midnight
Dec. 31 at 11:30 p.m. until Jan. 1 at 12:30 a.m.

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City Ordinance and Safety Requirements for Sellers

Restrictions by Type

- ONLY ICC Common Consumer Class C 1.4G fireworks may be sold
- No "Bottle Rockets" may be sold or discharged within city limits per Chapter 11-51
- No aerial devices that utilize a straight and rigid stick attached to a propellant tube or driver will be sold, distributed, possessed or discharged within the city limits per Chapter 11-51

General Safety & Signage

SALE

- No sale to children under the age of 17, or to any intoxicated or irresponsible person
- No sale, use or storage of fireworks near flammable substances or locations deemed hazardous by the Fire Inspector
- No sale within 600 feet of any church, school or hospital
- No sale within 25 feet of any brick building
- No sale within 50 feet of any non-brick building

SIGNS

- TWO (2) NO SMOKING signs at entrances; lettering 4 inches tall
- ONE (1) "NO FIREWORKS DISCHARGED WITHIN 100 FEET" sign; lettering 4 inches tall on contrasting background
- EXIT SIGNS are required in all locations open after dusk, and must be illuminated

Fire Extinguishers

- Locations over 200 sq. feet must have two fire extinguishers mounted in plain view: One must be minimum 2A/20BC rated, and one must be of pressurized water
- Locations under 200 sq. feet must have at least one extinguisher with a minimum of a 2A rating
- Maximum travel distance of 35 feet for any fire extinguisher in a stand

Exits

- Locations must have at least TWO remote exits with openings no less than 44 inches
- Maximum travel distance to any exit shall not exceed 35 feet
- Dead-end aisles are PROHIBITED

Perimeter Restrictions

- No fireworks discharged within 300 feet of any retail location
- No motor vehicle parking within 10 feet of the seasonal retail location, measured from the tent stakes/support ropes
- No fireworks can be sold, stored or discharged within 100 feet of gas pumps, filling stations or bulk stations
- No fireworks can be sold, stored or discharged within 100 feet of a building containing more than one (1) gallon of volatile liquids for retail sale
- No smoking or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or other tobacco product within 50 feet of any fireworks stand

Electrical Safety

- Emergency lighting is required when the retail location is larger than 800 sq. feet and open after dusk
- All receptacles, lights, appliances and cords must be weather proof, grounded and approved for exterior use
- Lighting needs protection by a guard from accidental contact and breakage
- Lamp holders over tables with fireworks may not have a switch and must be placed at least 8 feet above the ground
- Wires should be separated from any contact with metal by wood, glass or rubber
- Flexible cords and cables should be protected by avoiding sharp corners and projections, and by protecting pinch points and traffic areas
- All 125-volt single phase above ground 15 and 20 ampere receptacle outlets shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection
- Power distribution panel shall be grounded with a minimum #6 solid copper wire connected to a copper clad ground rod

Penalties for Violations

- Violation of any of the provisions of this article shall cause an immediate and automatic revocation of all licenses and permits
- The violator shall be prohibited from selling fireworks within the City for a period of 2 years
- Any violation which involves the sale or use of fireworks other than the permissible fireworks shall cause an immediate forfeiture of that merchandise to the City