

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

FIREWORK BUSINESS LICENSE

- 1.) Georgia State Fire Marshall's approval.
- 2.) Georgia Secretary of State license as Fireworks Distributor for each location. The Fireworks Distributor State License is not transferrable to other locations. You must provide the State License for each and every location you will operate at.
- 3.) The State issued Fireworks Distribution License expires every year on January 31st and will need to be renewed prior to obtaining the business license in Augusta-Richmond County.
- 4.) Conditions of House Bill 727 are set.
 - ❖ **Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales Stand:** A temporary or permanent building or structure that has a floor area not greater than 800 square feet, other than tents, canopies, or membrane structures, that is used primarily for the retail display and sale of consumer fireworks to the public. {NFPA 1124, 3.3.18}
 - ❖ **Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales Facility:** A permanent or temporary building or structure, consumer fireworks retail stands, other than a tent, canopy, or membrane structure, that is used primarily for the retail display and sale of consumer fireworks to the public. {NFPA 1124, 3.3.29.1 and O.C.G.A. 25-10-1(2)}
 - ❖ Consumer fireworks cannot be sold from a: motor vehicle; trailer towed by a motor vehicle; tent; canopy; or membrane structure. {O.C.G.A § 25-10-2(b)(6)(C)}
 - 1st location must be non-profit (501c3).
 - 2nd location can be for profit (including gross revenue and admin fee).
 - Both locations will pay the \$500 regulatory fee.
- 5.) Complete Business Tax Return (online link, <http://www.augustaga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7328>).
 - ❖ Complete all of the required sections on the application form.
 - ❖ We do require the last 4 SSN on all owners/agents listed on the license application.
 - ❖ The person completing the application must be listed as an owner/agent and needs to sign the affidavits as well.
 - ❖ Please provide the number of W-2 employees for the company.
 - ❖ Complete the SAVE & E-Verify Affidavits.
 - i. If you do not have a notary available, do not sign the affidavits until you are in our office, so we can notarize the affidavits for you at no extra cost.
- 6.) Location Requirements Met.

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GENERAL LOCATION REQUIREMENTS ON ALL BUSINESSES

- 1.) Is the business located in Augusta-Richmond County?
 - a. Yes, there is an office located in Richmond County.
 - ❖ **Commercial location:** We need the lease agreement (first & signature page) or a deed. We need to have the fire inspection done for the building. Please call Fire Marshall's Department (706) 821-2929 to schedule the fire inspection. The inspection fee is normally \$75 and is paid at our office along with the business license.
 - ❖ **Parking Lot Vendors:** (For example, clothing, retail, bottled water, etc.) The place you choose must be zoned Business and we require a letter of permission from the property owner to conduct your business in their parking lot. If you are setting up at this location permanently, then this will be your physical business location for the business license. If you are wanting to setup at different locations as a street vendor, you must first obtain a Special Use Permit and then provide a copy of a letter of permission from the location you plan to setup at. For each location you setup, you must have a letter of permission to be there.
 - ❖ **Homeowners:** must go to Planning & Zoning to obtain a Special Use Permit that will allow you to use your home as your business location. The Special Use Permit will cost you \$150, which you will pay at Planning & Zoning. If you move to another residence, you will have to get a new Special Use Permit on the new property address.
 - ❖ **Tenants:** must go with the property owner or obtain a notarized letter from the property owner to operate from the home and go to Planning & Zoning to obtain the Special Use Permit. The permit will cost \$150 and will be paid at Planning & Zoning. If you move to another residence, you will have to get a new Special Use Permit for the new property address.
- 2.) No, there is not an office / branch located within Augusta-Richmond County.
 - ❖ If there is an office or branch located within the State of Georgia, we require the current year's business/occupational license from the office location. This would qualify the business as NDOC (non-domicile) so occupational taxes will not be collected. License fee is an administrative fee (\$6 as of January 1, 2014).
 - ❖ If the closest office or branch is located out of the State of Georgia, the license fees will be based on estimated gross revenue for the remainder of the current year.

Common Richmond County Office Locations:

Fire Marshall:

Address: 3117 Deans Bridge Road Augusta, GA 30906

Phone Number: (706) 821-2929

Fax Number: (706) 821-2907

Planning & Zoning:

Address: 535 Telfair Street 3rd Floor Augusta, GA 30901

Phone Number: (706) 821-1796

Fax Number: (706) 821-1806

Planning & Development:

Address: 535 Telfair Street 3rd Floor Augusta, GA 30901

Phone Number: (706) 312-5050

Fax Number: (706) 312-4277