

BEACHSIDE FIRE/FIREWORKS/PYROTECHNICS APPLICATION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

A permit will not be issued without an approval of a fire prevention inspector. (A pre-inspection may be required for issuance of any permit). The permit must be completed and filed with the City no later than 3 business days before the event for any location not previously approved for beachside permits. A maximum of 10 permits per day will be issued and will be first come first served.

Seasonal Provisions:

- ∅ Turtle Nesting Season begins May 1st and extends through October 31st.
- ∅ During Turtle Nesting Season additional requirements for the event site may apply.
- ∅ No event will be held within 250' of a known turtle nesting site.

General:

- ∅ Permit shall be authorized by the upland property owner for events to occur between the hours of 5:00 pm through 12:00 am. Clean up of the site must be completed by 12:00am.
- ∅ For events closest to city property, city pier, or beach accesses permission from the City must be obtained.
- ∅ Applicants must be registered with the City of Panama City Beach as a vendor for beachside activities. Vendors must submit written authorization for any applicant acting on their behalf.
- ∅ Applicant will be 18 years of age or older who assumes event liability.
- ∅ The signed permit or City authorization must be onsite with the permit applicant during the event and be readily available for inspection by law enforcement or fire official.
- ∅ The permit applicant will assume all liability for extinguishment and clean-up of the entire site at the events end. Leave no trace ordinance will be followed and enforced.
- ∅ No event will be held within 250' of a known turtle nesting site, 100' of any habitable structures and 50' from any vegetation, sea oats or other structures.
- ∅ A site plan must be provided indicating location of pit and distance from nesting sites, structures, dunes, etc.
- ∅ Only one fire pit property location is to be used per permit. No Exceptions.
- ∅ Property permission may be accepted and retained for one calendar year per location. If property ownership changes, then new permission must be obtained.
- ∅ Permit requests may be accepted for same-day events at previously approved property locations. These requests must be made at least 2 hours prior to the event via email to beachsidefire@pcbfl.gov in substantially the following form:

Email Subject: BSF Request – *property location – date*

Body of email: *Property location*

Date

Number of people attending

Number of pits

Vendor

Contact Phone Number

- ∅ Fire extinguishment type on site for safety will be posted on application.
- ∅ The fire pit will not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and burning material shall be no higher than two (2) feet from the top of the burning container.
- ∅ No burning of any type materials other than the gas from a propane fueled fire or organic wood materials. No building of materials such as 2x4s, creosote or wood containing glue, nails, glass, household garbage, or any other non-natural wood for burning that could cause injury to the public.
- ∅ Only propane pits will be allowed at locations other than those previously approved.
- ∅ The burning material shall not touch the sandy beach and be elevated in a pit, drum or other non-flammable container, not placed in a hole in the sand.
- ∅ All burnt materials must be removed entirely from the beach by applicant and not buried, not placed in plastic trash receptacles on the beach nor discarded in the dunes. Use a metal trash receptacle for removal.

- ∅ Permits shall not be issued when PCBFR has good reason to believe that the proposed fire will endanger the public health, safety, welfare, or other people or property, or when the Florida Forest Service issues a no burn order.
- ∅ When wind speeds exceed 10 mph no wood burning fires will be allowed.
- ∅ Issuance of a permit shall not excuse or relieve the applicant from any liability or responsibility for damages which may result from carelessness or neglect in setting, starting, looking after, or guarding a fire.

Fireworks (Florida Statute 791)

- ∅ Firework displays shall require a permit from PCBFR, and may only be issued to a person or company maintaining a valid, current bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms explosive (BATFE) license. At a minimum this shall be a low explosive license.
- ∅ Florida law bans fireworks including “balloons which require fire underneath to propel them,” also known as sky lanterns.
- ∅ Florida Statute 791 is explicit about the sale and use of all types of fireworks. The rules within must be followed.

Fees/Penalties:

- ∅ The beachside fire permit fee of \$50.00 is collected and allows for the approved one (1) pit per (1) day event.
- ∅ All fees collected are non-refundable.
- ∅ Non-permitted fires will be subject to a \$200.00 fine and possible incarceration.
- ∅ Failure of adherence to the City of Panama City Beach fire rules will result in immediate extinguishment and responsible party held liable for any damages incurred.
- ∅ Failure to comply with chapter 7 Article I Sec 7-11 of PCB Ordinances will result in fines against the responsible party of \$200 to \$2000.

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