

**MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 256 of 2011**

**28.466 Articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks ignition; permit; competency and qualifications of operators; retention of fee.**

Sec. 16.

(1) The legislative body of a city, village, or township, upon application in writing on forms provided by the department on the department's website and payment of a fee set by the legislative body, if any, may grant a permit for the use of agricultural or wildlife fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, consumer fireworks, or special effects manufactured for outdoor pest control or agricultural purposes, or for public or private display within the city, village, or township by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, or other organizations or individuals approved by the city, village, or township authority, if the applicable provisions of this act are met. After a permit has been granted, a permit holder may sell, possess, or transport fireworks for only the purposes described in the permit. A permit granted under this subsection is not transferable and shall not be issued to a minor.

(2) Before a permit for articles pyrotechnic or a display fireworks ignition is issued, the person applying for the permit shall furnish proof of financial responsibility by a bond or insurance in an amount, character, and form deemed necessary by the local governing authority to protect the public and to satisfy claims for damages to property or personal injuries arising out of an act or omission on the part of the person or an agent or employee of the person.

(3) The department shall not issue under this act a permit to a nonresident person for ignition of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks in this state until the person has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be the legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against the person may be served.

(4) Before granting a permit under this act, the local governing authority shall rule on the competency and qualifications of an articles pyrotechnic and display fireworks operator, as furnished by the operator on the operator's application form, in accordance with the requirements provided under NFPA 1123, and on the time, place, and safety aspects of the display of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks.

(5) A local unit of government that charges and collects a fee to issue a permit under this section shall retain the collected fee.

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