

St. Johns County Fireworks Sales Lottery Process

The **2026** Fireworks Sales Permit lottery will take place at the St. Johns County Permit Center located at 4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine on **March 20 at 10am**. St. Johns County allows for 9 sites in the County to sell Fireworks. Please pay close attention to the information below so you are prepared when you arrive for the lottery drawing.

- There will not be any pre-review or pre-registration of sites prior to the lottery.
- Each vendor (company) will need to have 1 representative over the age of 18 in attendance at the lottery to be considered for entry to obtain a permit. **To qualify as a vendor, the person present will need to present:**
- Valid State of Florida Certificate of Registration **Seasonal Retailer or Wholesaler/Distributor Certificate** AND
- **Copy of SUN.BIZ registration.**
- On the day of the lottery, each vendor will be given 9 random numbers either from bingo balls or from paper tickets and those numbers will be recorded under that vendor's name and deposited into the tumbler or bucket.
- Once all vendors present have drawn their numbers, 9 total numbers will be drawn. This is based on the County having 9 permits that can be issued.
- The numbers drawn will be matched to the vendor and that's how many permits each vendor may submit during each sales season. (Example: Vendor X receives 3 permits, so they can submit 3 permits for 4th of July sales and 3 permits for New Year's Eve sales.)
- If a vendor decides they are not going to use one of their permits, that vendor can decide not to use that permit, or they may decide another vendor may use their permit. The vendor who submits the permit is responsible for the activities at that location. (Example: Vendor X decides to only use 2 of their permits. They can allow Vendor Y to use their allotted permit.)
- **A complete application package including all Firework documentation must be submitted to Planning and Zoning at the St. Johns County Permit Center no less than 20 working days prior to the first day of sales** for review and routed to all necessary reviewers. Keep in mind that if for any reason a site is rejected, a new site must be submitted and the same 20 working days applies. Do not wait until the last minute to submit.
- Fees are collected prior to any approvals. (One time Fire lottery fee of \$54 and Tent fee of \$54 for each tent is separate from any Zoning fees.)
- A site inspection must be conducted and approved prior to sales. Fire inspections are conducted on Monday through Friday 7:30 am-3:30pm only. (No weekends) **NO SALES PRIOR TO FIRE INSPECTION APPROVAL.**

If there are any questions about the process, please call the Fire Marshal, Rob Dowling (904-209-1743) or Stephanie Murray (904-209-1742) or Dan LaGrange (904-209-3766)