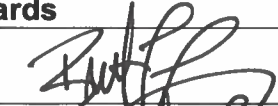





**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Division of the Fire Marshal**  
**Administrative Ruling**



<b>Number:</b>	<b>2022-2</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fireworks, Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects</b>		
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>2015 International Fire Code (IFC), Ordinance 18-50, Fire Prevention Code and Standards</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>5/4/2022</b>	<b>Issued By:</b>	
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<b>Approval Date:</b>	<b>5/4/2022</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal</b>

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ruling is to reduce the risk of life and property from fire associated with fireworks, pyrotechnics, and flame effects by supplementing mandates of the adopted *International Fire Code* (IFC) and its associated Fire Prevention Code and Standards (*Ordinance 18-50*).

**SCOPE:** This ruling applies to permitted outdoor firework displays, pyrotechnics, and flame effects, including proximate audience displays.

**DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:** The prolonged dry weather conditions in Colorado Springs has prompted additional precautions against the potential spread of wildfire. Current firework restrictions are only applicable during extreme fire danger and burn ban conditions. Implementing firework restrictions during red flag warning will add a safety factor for all outdoor displays.

**DECISION:** Colorado Springs Fire Department prohibits the use of outdoor fireworks when red flag warnings are issued by the National Weather Service. Outdoor displays are prohibited during the entire day red flag warnings are issued; regardless of the time the red flag warning starts or is rescinded. Colorado Springs Fire Department reserves the right to not issue or to revoke permits for fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects at any time when the conditions do not provide for a safe display. The display of fireworks and pyrotechnics, including proximate audience displays and flame effects, shall comply with Section 5608 of the IFC, as amended in Section 5608.1 of the City Code of Colorado Springs, of Fire Prevention Code and Standards – Chapter 8, Article 4, Part 1, and NFPA 160, NFPA 1123, NFPA 1126, and the [Colorado Springs Fire Department Firework, Pyrotechnic and Flame Effect Productions](#) guidelines.