



# Fire Performance Art Permit

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of event: \_\_\_\_\_

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The permit holder agrees that the holder and all performers will adhere to Section 316 of the amended 2006 International Fire Code adopted by the City of Columbia on 01-02-2007. This permit may be revoked for failure to comply with section 316 (amended) or other applicable sections of the code. Section 316 can be found on the back of or attached to this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach site map to the application**

## Section 316 Fire Performance Art

316.1 General. Fire Performance Art shall be defined as any act (fire juggling, fire eating, etc.) in a public or private place, which utilizes fire for entertainment purposes, outside of a protective housing or in ways in which it travels through the air (by one person or multiple persons). These acts do not include pyrotechnics or other open flame devices as regulated by other code sections or permits.

316.2 Permits. A permit in accordance with 105.6.33 shall be secured from the fire code official prior to the date of the fire performance art taking place.

316.3 Space considerations. A 10-foot distance shall be maintained between the fire-involved item and the any member of an audience, any combustible decoration, and any combustible item within the immediate performance area. A minimum 10-foot ceiling height is required.

316.4 Extinguishing Agents. At minimum of one (1) 2A-10BC multipurpose fire extinguisher shall be required for every five (5) performers at each performance. Additional fire extinguishers may be required by the code official based upon the unique circumstances of the performance and occupancy.

316.4.1 One wet towel for each active fire performer shall be provided to extinguish the fire implement. The towel shall be white in color to differentiate its use from other colors that may be used to clean up flammable or combustible liquid spills. Towels used for cleaning up flammable or combustible liquid spills shall be stored in a metal container with a tight fitting lid.

316.4.2 One listed fire blanket shall be provided for every five (5) performers.

316.5 Personal Safety. A five gallon open-topped bucket of water will be provided for each fire performance area.

316.5.1 Spotter. One trained spotter shall be provided for each performance. The spotter shall be positioned between the active fire performer and the audience. Spotters should be trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers. The spotter may be a performer who is not engaged in the current performance. The fire code official may require additional spotters based on the unique circumstances of the performance and occupancy.

316.6 Fuels. Approved common fuels used for fire performance art include:

Denatured Alcohol; Lamp Oil (odorless and smokeless); Kerosene (For outdoor performances only)  
Stove Fuel; "Shell Sol T" brand fuel; "Allume Fue" brand fuel; "Fire Water" brand fuel

Gasoline is prohibited under any circumstances.

316.6.1 Fuel Quantities and Storage. All fuels shall be stored in their original container(s) with the caps in place when not in use. The maximum quantity of fuel on the site shall be one (1) U.S. gallon per performer.

316.7 Wicks. Wick material shall consist of cotton wrapped in Kevlar to prevent the breakdown of the cotton as it burns. Synthetic wick material shall be avoided.

316.8 Clothing. It is recommended that the clothing worn by the performers be made of fire resistive materials such as natural fibers or Nomex™/PBI.

316.9 Smoking. Smoking is prohibited by within 50 feet of the performance area and fuel storage. No smoking signs shall be posted accordingly.