

# FULLERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

# FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS

## APPLICATION:

CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS

## JUSTIFICATION:

2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CFC), CHAPTER 8, SECTION 806  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19, SUBSECTION 3.08

## STANDARDS:

- I. PERMIT APPLICANT AND ALL PERSONS WORKING ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT SHALL READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL CONDITIONS
  - A. NON-COMPLIANCE or violations of any condition herein shall cause revocation of permit and immediate closing of the Christmas tree lot.
  - B. NO person shall sell, display or store, in the City of Fullerton, any cut Christmas tree, unless a permit therefore has been issued by the Fullerton Fire Department and a fee has been paid to the City of Fullerton in the sum of \$57.00. **Such permits shall be issued only** (FMC 13.20.030):
    1. To local charitable, civic, or patriotic groups or organizations, and to established retail place of business, that have been in existence for at least one year prior to the application for such permit.
  - C. Applicant shall make a refundable clean-up guarantee deposit of \$250.00 at the time of application.
  - D. Each permittee shall provide general liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each occurrence against any claim for any damages caused in any manner from the use of such lot or the keeping or sale of any Christmas trees therein. A certificate of such insurance shall be filed with the Fire Marshal showing the City as a named insured hereunder.
  - E. No permit to sell, display or store any cut Christmas tree in the City of Fullerton shall be issued, except for the period from November 5 to December 31 of the same calendar year.
  - F. Applicant must show that the proposed location and method of such activity will not constitute a fire hazard or violation of any law.
  - G. Applicant shall provide with the application a copy of WRITTEN PERMISSION from the owner of record for use of the property to the Fire Department.
  - H. All unsold trees, combustible waste and heavy accumulation of sawdust SHALL BE REMOVED from the place where such trees were sold, displayed or stored, on or before JANUARY 10, following the issuance of permit.

- I. At least one approved fire extinguisher having a rating of not less than “2A-10BC” shall be provided. If water outlet is available, it is recommended that a connected garden hose with nozzle be provided.
  - J. Signs or other displays shall not be erected or maintained in connection with a Christmas tree lot which may create a traffic hazard.
  - K. Approved NO SMOKING signs shall be posted in easily visible locations on the tree lot, sign letters shall not be less than 3 inches in height.
  - L. Combustible rubbish shall not be allowed to accumulate on the premises where Christmas trees are sold.
  - M. Christmas trees shall not be stored or displayed WITHIN 15 feet of any building, window or opening.
  - N. The storage or display of Christmas trees shall be arranged so as to provide access and aisle widths of a minimum of 36 inches.
  - O. The storage or display of Christmas trees shall not block or obstruct an exit.
  - P. Storage or display of Christmas trees shall NOT be permitted in any building.
- II. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL ELECTRICAL WIRING an electrical inspection from Development Services shall be made prior to a Fire Department inspection. Fire Department inspection must be complete and approved **before** any trees are moved onto the lot.
- III. TENTS: Shall be of an APPROVED type and permitted when applicable. All tents must be inspected before use. All canopies over 400 square feet and tents over 200 square feet will require a fire permit. A flame retardant certificate shall be provided prior to permit approval.
- IV. NATURAL CUT TREES ARE PROHIBITED IN GROUP A, E, I, M, R-1, R-2 AND R-4 OCCUPANCIES.:
- A. Exceptions:
    - 1. Trees located in areas protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system are allowed in A, E, M, R-1 and R-2 occupancies, AND trees shall be rendered **flame retardant** as required by Title 19, California Code of Regulations Subsection 3.08.
    - 2. Trees are allowed within dwelling units of R-2 occupancies.