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Frequently Asked Questions Fireworks Facility Definitions

1. **Question:** In the [Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, Section 28.452](#) a “retail location” is defined as a facility listed under the 2006 Edition of [NFPA 1124](#), Section 7.1.2. This section lists Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales (CFRS) facilities, stores, CFRS stands, tents, canopies and membrane structures as possible facilities. Can you define these terms?

Answer: Yes, the definitions are:

- **CFRS Facility:** A permanent or temporary building, tent, stand, canopy or membrane structure that is used primarily for the retail sale of consumer fireworks.
- **Store:** A building used to sell items and goods, which primarily sells other items besides fireworks but has some fireworks for retail sale. Example: a grocery store that also sells consumer fireworks.
- **Membrane Structure:** A building or portion of a building that is air-inflated or air supported. Example: an air-inflated golf dome.
- **Tent/Canopy:** A pliable covering that is held up by poles, beams, ropes or cables. Tents and canopies in Michigan are subject to flammability requirements. This structure type can often be found at an outdoor art fair or craft show.
- **CFRS Stand:** A temporary or permanent building that has a floor area not greater than 800 sq ft. and is used primarily for the retail sale of consumer fireworks. This structure type can often be found at county fairs or carnivals. You may also refer to the definition in Section 3.3.19 of the 2006 Edition of [NFPA 1124](#).

2. **Question:** In the [Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, Section 28.454\(2\)\(c\)](#) says that certificates are issued for permanent and non-permanent buildings. Which type of certificate should I apply for?

Answer: The certificate needed is based upon the structure type where the sales are taking place, NOT the duration of the sale of fireworks. The definitions are:

- **Permanent Building or Structure:** A building or structure that is affixed to a foundation on a site that has fixed utility connections and that is intended to remain on the site for more than 180 consecutive calendar days.
- **Non-Permanent Building or Structure:** Any building, structure, or sales location that does not meet the above definition.

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