

**EMERGENCY (RED/BLUE) FLASHING OR REVOLVING LIGHT PERMIT APPLICATION**

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PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS APPLICATION

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle(s) Owned by:**

Company   
 Individual   
 Government

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE(S) IN WHICH LIGHT IS TO BE OPERATED

	Year	Make	Tag/State	Vehicle ID Number (VIN)	Department Use Only
					Permit Number
1.					
2.					
3.					

**NOTE: Permits should be placed on the passenger side of the front windshield in the bottom corner**

MAKE PAYMENTS PAYABLE TO:  
 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Payments must be by money order, cashier's check, or company check.  
**NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH. No fee** is required for volunteer firefighters and government-owned vehicles.

# of Permits Requested (excluding exempt vehicles, see note to left): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per Permit: \$2.00

**Total Fee Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF USE** – The above described vehicle(s) will be used for (applicable light color in parenthesis):

- Volunteer Fire (red)       1<sup>st</sup> Responder / EMT (red)       Law Enforcement (blue)  
 Ambulance (red)       Civil Defense / EMA (red)

I have read the foregoing application and instructions and affirm that all information submitted therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I receive a permit, I and any operator of a vehicle equipped with a red or blue light in accordance with this permit shall be responsible for the use of such light in accordance with this permit.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, believe that the best interest of the community will be served if the above-named applicant is granted a permit.

**NOTE:** No applicant may authorize his or her own application. All parties must sign in the presence of a notary.

**Authorizer's Title (select applicable box):**

- Chief of Police       Fire Chief       Mayor       Sheriff       County Commissioner       EMA Director       Government Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (SIGNATURE AND SEAL REQUIRED) Authorizer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## **INSTRUCTIONS: EMERGENCY (RED/BLUE) FLASHING OR REVOLVING LIGHT PERMIT APPLICATION**

The instructions and guidelines listed herein are provided for the benefit of persons and entities completing the Department of Public Safety's "Emergency (Red/Blue) Flashing or Revolving Light Permit Application." The authorized use of and application for emergency red or blue flashing or revolving lights is governed by O.C.G.A. §§ 40-8-90 through 40-8-96 and Georgia Department of Public Safety Rules and Regulations 570-11-.01 through 570-11-.14.

### ***Requirements for Completing the Application***

- The application responses should be printed or typed.
- The application must be filled out completely, including:
  - Full name and address of the agency, company, or individual submitting the application;
  - Year, make, tag number, and VIN of all vehicles for which the applicant seeks a permit;
  - Payment information and payment of \$2.00 per vehicle (more information below); and
  - A statement of use:
    - If **all** of the applicant's vehicles will be used for the same purpose(s), check the applicable purpose(s) on the application.
    - Otherwise, check **all** purpose(s) for which **any** of the applicant's vehicles will be used on the application and include a separate statement detailing the purpose(s) for which each individual vehicle will be used.
- Payment must be included in the amount of \$2.00 per vehicle and in the form of money order, cashier's certified check, or business check. No personal checks will be accepted. **Government-owned vehicles and volunteer fire vehicles are exempt from this requirement.**
- An authorizing official must complete and sign the authorizer portion of the application. **An applicant may not act as the authorizer for his or her own application.**
- Applicant and the authorizing party must sign the application in the presence of a notary and have application notarized.

### ***Additional Requirements for Certain Applicants***

- First responders applying for a permit/permits must provide proof of certification by the Georgia Department of Community Health
- Ambulance services applying for a permit/permits must provide proof of vehicle ownership (e.g. tag registration and title).

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### *Exceptions for Certain Vehicles*

- Officially marked law enforcement vehicles (as defined by O.C.G.A. § 40-8-91) are not required to have a permit for use of a blue light.
- Fire department vehicles which are distinctly marked on each side are not required to have a permit for the use of a red light.
- Ambulances (as defined by O.C.G.A. § 31-11-2) which are licensed by the state are not required to have a permit for the use of a red light.
- Government-owned vehicles which are **unmarked** must possess a permit for use of an emergency red or blue flashing or revolving light.

### *Guidelines for Submitting the Application*

- Applications are **not** accepted in person; applications must be mailed to the address indicated on the top of the application.
- Applications are generally approved or denied within two weeks of receipt by the Department.

### *Additional Information*

- **Applicants are required to make and retain a copy of their completed application to use as a temporary permit until (1) their application is approved and their permit(s) received; or (2) their application is denied. If an applicant's application is denied, a retained application cannot be used as a temporary permit and is void for that purpose.**
- Permits should be placed on the bottom passenger side corner of the front windshield of the vehicle for which the permit was obtained.
- No personal vehicles (vehicles owned by an individual) will be approved/granted a permit for use of a blue flashing or revolving light.
- **No vehicle used for security purposes will be approved/granted a permit for use of an emergency red or blue flashing or revolving light.** Operators of such vehicles should apply for an amber flashing or revolving light.