

Required Permits

Effective January 1, 2003, a Fire Code Permit shall be required for a variety of activities and businesses including land clearing, assembly/educational occupancies, and the use, storage and handling of certain hazardous materials. These requirements are regulated under the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and the Code of Virginia.

As of April 2014 the FPB will no longer issue an invoice during an inspection, all invoices will be mailed by the Treasurers Office.

Who is required to have a Fire Code Permit?

Any business that uses, stores or manufactures regulated amounts of the hazardous materials or hazardous processes or a business use as identified in adjacent table may require a permit. A business with small amounts of hazardous materials as outlined under the Fire Prevention Code will be exempt.

How much does a Fire Code Permit cost?

Fees range from \$50.00 to \$450.00 for individual permits and there is no limit to number of items you are permitted for. Annual fire code permit fees are issued for individual hazards, processes, or business uses so there is no standard or typical set of permits issued to every business. Generally speaking, if a business has no changes, then the permits and fees should be the same from the prior year. Bonfire, vehicle displays, pit burns, fumigation, tank removal, land clearing, and firework permits are issued per use, not annually. These types of permits have an expiration period and may be revoked if specific regulations and conditions are not followed.

How do I obtain a Fire Code Permit?

Applications can be obtained by calling the Fire Prevention Bureau at (757) 385-4228 or by visiting the Fire Prevention Bureau located at:
Virginia Beach Municipal Center
2408 Courthouse Dr., Building 21, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

PROCESS	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	BUSINESS USE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application of Flammable Finishes ● Bonfire ● Crop Ripening ● Fumigation ● Land Clearing ● Motor Vehicle Display ● Organic Coatings ● Tents/Air Supported Structures ● Torch Use Paint Removal ● Welding/Cutting Operations ● Underground Storage Tank Removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aerosol Products ● Cellulose Nitrate ● Combustible Fibers ● Compressed Gas Storage ● Corrosives ● Explosives ● Fireworks/Pyrotechnics ● Flammable/Combustible Liquids ● Flammable Solids ● Highly Toxic/Toxic Solids, Liquids ● Irritants/Health Hazards ● Liquefied Petroleum Gases ● Liquid/Solid Oxidizers ● Organic Peroxides ● Pesticides ● Radioactive Materials ● Unstable Liquid/Solid Reactive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assembly/Educational ● Airport/Heliport ● Bowling Establishment ● Dry Cleaning Plant ● Lumber Yard/Woodworking Plant ● Wrecking Yard/Junk Yard ● Waste Material Plant

Why are Fire Code Permits required?

The Fire Code provides a set of nationally recognized safety standards to ensure the safety of employees, business owners and the public. Because of their nature, hazardous materials, flammable and combustible liquids, explosives, compressed gases and other materials must be stored and handled in accordance with nationally recognized practices to reduce the risk to life and property.

Virginia Beach Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Prevention Bureau is tasked with inspecting new and existing buildings within the City of Virginia Beach. The main focus when performing inspections is life safety and subsequently building/property safety. The objective of fire inspections is to identify and correct fire and life safety code violations.

Permitting

This flyer will outline the most common questions associated with permitting occupancies within the city.

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