



FIRE CODE PERMIT

Purpose

Fire Code Permits are required by the 2006 International Fire Code, as adopted with state and local County amendments, effective July 1, 2007 for many types of occupancies in Thurston County. State law gives the Fire Marshal the authority to review all plans and specifications and issue fire safety permits in all geographical areas of the county not having any local authority. A fee is charged for all fire safety permits issued by the Fire Marshal. The fee includes the fire safety permit, construction inspections, and occupancy permit, and can vary according to the structure.

There are two types of permits:

1. **Operational Permits.** An operational permit allows the applicant to conduct an operation or a business for which a permit is required by IFC Section 105.6 for either:
 - a. A prescribed period.
 - b. Until renewed or revoked by the Fire Code Official.
2. **Construction permits.** A construction permit allows the applicant to install or modify systems and equipment for which a fire safety permit is required.

Fire Code Permits

Aerosol Products
Aircraft Refueling Vehicles
Aircraft Repair Hangar
Automobile Wrecking Yard
Bowling Pin or Alley Refinishing
Candles/Open Flames in Assembly Areas
Carnivals and Fairs
Cellulose Nitrate Film
Combustible Fiber Storage
Combustible Material Storage
Compressed Gases
Commercial Rubbish-Handling
Cryogenics
Dry cleaning Plants
Dust-Producing Operations
Explosives or Blasting Agents
Fireworks
Flammable or Combustible Liquid

Fruit Ripening
Fumigation or Thermal Insecticidal Fogging
Garages
Hazardous Materials
Hazardous Production Materials
High-Piled Combustible Storage
Liquefied Petroleum Gases
Liquid or Gas-Fueled Vehicles or Equipment in
Assembly Buildings
Lumber Yards Magnesium Working
Mall-covered
Motor Vehicle Fuel-Dispensing Stations
Nitrate Film
Open Burning
Organic
Coatings Ovens - Industrial Baking/Drying
Places of Assembly
Pyrotechnical Special Effects Material
Radioactive Materials
Refrigeration Equipment
Spraying or Dipping
Tank Vehicles
Tents/Air-Supported Structures
Tire Storage
Welding & Cutting Operations

The Inspections that are conducted within the County are conducted by the Thurston County Fire Marshal (TCFMO). If you have questions regarding Construction, Fire Safety Inspections or Plan Review questions please contact the TCFMO directly at (360) 754-3355 ext. 6879.

Codes and References

Plans are reviewed for compliance with the fire code current at the time of application (check for year). The list is not an exhaustive list of codes or a complete list of construction requirements.

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Fire Code (IFC) - See the Thurston County Fire Flow Handout.

Washington State RCW 19.27 and Thurston County Ordinance Title 14 amend the codes.

The Thurston County Ordinance is available on line at www.co.thurston.wa.us. Review and download the

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state amendments on line at the State Building Code website www.sbccc.wa.gov. The amendments may be purchased from the Washington Association of Building Officials at www.wabo.org.

Fees

Fees vary depending on the nature of the work that is being done. See the fee estimation sheet. Fees are collect when the project permit is issued. The applicant is responsible for paying for the plan review fee if the project is withdrawn.

Time Limitations

Applications

If a permit is not issued 180 days from the date of application, the application will be considered abandoned. The permit will be considered active if information required for approval is received within 180 days of the request for information.

Applications may be extended by requesting an extension in writing to the fire code official that demonstrates justifiable cause.

Justifiable cause is a substantial reason put forth in good faith that is not unreasonable, arbitrary or irrational and that is sufficient to create an excuse for an act under the law. Monetary reasons are not considered justifiable cause.

Extension may be granted for periods not exceeding 90 days each.

In case of disagreement, the fire code official or designated representative shall make final determination whether or not an applicant has demonstrated justifiable cause.

Applicants must reapply and submit the required information if the permit has expired. The County does not retain submitted information from expired permits.

After Approval

Permits not issued within one year of approval will expire. A new application package must be submitted if the permit expires.

After Issuance

Once a permit has been issued, the permit self renews for one year from the date of the last approved inspection.

The fire code official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than one year each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated

I Still Have Questions...

The information in this bulletin is a general guideline of the procedures and rules. For additional information, speak with the Thurston County Fire Marshal at (360) 754-3355 ext 6879. You may also review all Thurston County Codes online on the County website referenced at the bottom of this page.

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