

Operations or Occupancies

Aviation Facilities - An operational permit is required to use Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles.

Bulk plants, terminals, manufacturing flammable or combustible liquid storage- facilities shall pay \$0.0005 per gallon of tank capacity for each storage tank used for bulk storage of flammable or combustible liquids. The permit fee shall be assessed on each flammable or combustible liquid storage tank that has a capacity greater than 100,000 gallons. Before any tank not permitted for flammable or combustible liquid storage may be used, a permit shall be issued.

Carnivals and Fairs- An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.

Combustible Dust-producing Operations- An operational permit is required for operations producing combustible dusts as defined in chapter 2 of the VSFPC.

Combustible Fibers - An operational permit is required for the storage and handling in quantities greater than 100 cubic feet.

Cutting and Welding- An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the City of Norfolk.

Demolition Permit- A demolition permit is required prior to the demolition of any structure.
Note: Demo Permits are only valid for 30 days

Dry Cleaning Plants – an operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.

Explosives / Fireworks - an operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosive, explosive material, fireworks, or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 33 of the VSFPC.

- \$50 per event for fireworks, pyrotechnics or proximate audience displays conducted indoors in any building within the City of Norfolk
- \$100 per day for fireworks, pyrotechnics or proximate audience displays conducted out of doors within the City of Norfolk.
- A fee of \$50 per day is required for explosive permit

Fruit and Crop Ripening – To operate a fruit or crop ripening facility or conduct a fruit ripening process using ethylene gas .

Fumigation and Thermal Insecticidal Fogging- An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging; and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which toxic or flammable fumigant is used.

Hazardous Materials- an operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in table (107.2.1.21) of the VSFPC

HPM facilities – An operational permit is required to store, handle, or use hazardous production materials.

High-Piled Storage - to use a building or portion thereof as a high piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet.

Hot Work Operations - An operational permit is required for hot work including but not limited to:

- Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.
- Use of portable hot work equipment inside a structure. (Exception: work that is covered by a welding /cutting permit)
- Fixed-site hot work equipment such as welding booths.
- Hot work conducted within a hazardous fire area.
- Application of roof coverings with the use of an open flame device.

Industrial Oven- An operational permit is required for operation of industrial ovens regulated by Chapter 21 of the VSFPC.

Liquid or Gas Fueled Vehicles or Equipment in Assembly Buildings – An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid-or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.

Miscellaneous Combustible Storage – An operational permit is required to store in any building or upon any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, rubber tires, rubber, cork, or similar combustible material.

Places of Assembly/Educational – An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly/educational occupancy, such as the following examples: movie theaters, theaters, restaurants, night clubs, bowling alleys, churches, community halls, gyms, libraries, skating rinks, swimming pools, bleachers, grandstands, use of a building or a portion thereof, by 6 or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade.

Repair Garage and Service Station- An operational permit is required for operation of repair garages and automotive, marine, and fleet service stations.

Spraying or Dipping - using flammable or combustible liquids or application of combustible powders regulated by chapter 15 of the VSFPC.

Storage of Scrap Tires and Tire Byproducts - An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet of total volume of scrap tires and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.

Tank Permit- Underground storage tanks: All abandoned storage tanks or underground storage tanks not in use for more than ninety (90) days shall be filled or removed pursuant to the protocols established by the fire official. City of Norfolk Ordinance 17.1-44 (32).

Temporary Membrane Structures, Tents and Canopies –Tents and Membrane structures having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19meters squared) shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the fire code official. Exception: tents used exclusively for recreational camping.

Use period: Temporary tents and air supported, air inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12-month period on a single premises.

All Tents and Membrane structures whether temporary or permanent shall comply with chapter 24 of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

Tire Re-building Plants- An operational permit is required to operate and maintain a tire re-building plant.

Waste Handling – An operational permit is required to operate Wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities.