



Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department

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Fire Prevention Code Permit Guidelines

When is a Fire Prevention Code Permit Required?

Type	When Required	Code Reference	Fee(\$)
Facilities, Occupancies and Precautions Against Fire			
Assembly/Educational Occupancies	Facilities operating in an assembly or educational occupancy classification	VSFPC Chapters 3 through 10	200
Aviation Facility	Facilities involving aviation operations / storage	VSFPC Chapter 11	200
Covered Mall Building	Facilities designated as or in a covered mall (by main address, not individual suites)	VSFPC Chapter 3, VUSBC 402	200
Commercial Open Burning	Site and land clearing operations for commercial, industrial, or residential land development	Stafford County Code 12-68	200
Dry Cleaning Facility	Facilities where textiles are cleaned by using solvents	VSFPC Chapter 12	200
Exhibit or Trade Shows	Facilities operating an exhibit or trade show involving more than 50 vendors	VSFPC Chapters 3 through 10	200
Hazardous Production Materials Facility (HPM)	Facilities using NFPA 704 classification 3 or 4 materials involved with semi-conductor manufacturing or other hazardous material processing	VSFPC Chapter 18 and Chapter 27	500
Lumber Yards and Woodworking Operations	Facilities storing or processing more than 100,000 board feet of lumber	VSFPC Chapter 19	200
Organic Coating Manufacturing Facility	Facilities manufacturing more than 1 gallon of organic coatings per day	VSFPC Chapter 20	200
Private Fire Hydrants	Fire hydrants not serviced by Stafford County Utilities	VSFPC Chapter 9 and NFPA 24/25	200
Special Amusement Occupancies	Temporary or permanent facilities where the means of egress is not readily apparent, available or intentionally confounding	VSFPC Chapter 9 and VUSBC 411	200
Tents, Canopies and Membrane Structures	Any individual or adjacent tent(s), canopy, or air-supported structure(s) covering an area of more than 900 square feet unless used exclusively for recreational camping purposes Separate permits are required for every 15,000 square feet of total tent coverage area	VSFPC Chapter 24	200
Vehicle Display Inside of a Building	Any display, operation or demonstration of a liquid or gas fueled vehicle in an assembly occupancy building	VSFPC Chapter 3	200
Vehicle Repair Shop Garages	Facilities conducting motor vehicle (including boat) repairs	VSFPC Chapter 22	200
Waste Handling Facility	Facilities conducting operations similar to wrecking yards, junk yards, and waste material handling or recycling centers	VSFPC Chapter 19	200
Combustible Storage and Hazardous Operations			
Aerosols	Facilities operating with more than 500 pounds of class 2 or 3 aerosol products	VSFPC Chapter 28	200
Battery Systems	Facilities operating more than 50 gallons of lead-acid battery systems	VSFPC Chapter 6	200
Combustible Dust-Producing Operations	Facilities such as grain elevators, flour or feed mills, or other pulverizing processing producing combustible dust	VSFPC Chapter 13	200
Combustible Fibers	Facilities storing or handling more than 100 cubic feet of combustible fibers, rags, or scrap textiles	VSFPC Chapter 29	200
Compressed Gases	Facilities storing or using INERT compressed gasses when exceeding 6000 cubic feet of gas (such as nitrogen but does NOT include LPG)	VSFPC Chapter 30	200
Flammable Finishes	Spray booth, dip tank operations or flammable floor refinishing operations exceeding 350 square feet in size	VSFPC Chapter 15	200
Fruit and Crop Ripening Operations	Facilities conducting fruit or crop ripening using ethylene gas	VSFPC Chapter 16	200
Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging Operations	Facilities or enclosed areas using flammable or toxic fumigation or insecticidal fogging	VSFPC Chapter 17	200

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High-Piled and Combustible Storage	Facilities storing more than 500 square feet of materials in arrangements greater than 12 feet in height	VSFPC Chapter 23	200
Industrial Oven Operations	Facilities operating large industrial size ovens or "furnaces"	VSFPC Chapter 21	200
Magnesium Operations	Facilities that melt, cast, heat or grind more than 10 pounds of magnesium	VSFPC Chapter 36	200
Tire Storage and Rebuilding Operations	Facilities storing more than 2,500 cubic feet of scrap tires or operating tire rebuilding plants	VSFPC Chapter 25	200
Welding and other Hot Work	Facilities conducting welding, open torches, or other hot work (except where used for construction purposes)	VSFPC Chapter 26	200
Fireworks and other Explosives			
Blasting	Operations involving the use of explosives in any amount for demolition, stone removal, or other purposes	VSFPC Chapter 33	200
Explosive or Fireworks Storage	Manufacture, storage or handling of any amount of fire works or other explosives	VSFPC Ch. 33 SC Code 12-45 NFPA 1124	200
Fireworks: Aerial Display	Operations involving an outdoor aerial display of fireworks	VSFPC Ch 33 NFPA 1123	500
Fireworks: Indoor Pyrotechnics Display or Special Effects	Operations involving indoor display of fireworks, pyrotechnics or other special effects	VSFPC Ch 33 NFPA 1126	200
Fireworks: Itinerant Vendor	Temporary facilities selling fireworks from June 1 to July 15 each year	SC Code 12-50	1000
Fireworks: Distributor or Wholesaler	Facilities distributing or selling fireworks to only permanent or itinerant vendors	SC Code 12-50	500
Fireworks: Permanent Vendor	Facilities selling fire works from a permanent address and permanent structure throughout the year	SC Code 12-50	200
Hazardous Materials (VSFPC Ch. 27)			
Use Appendix A of the VSFPC for further classification and information			
Corrosive Materials	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 55 gallons or 1000 pounds	VSFPC Chapter 31	200
Cryogenic Fluids	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 1 gallon inside or 50 gallons outside	VSFPC Chapter 32	200
Flammable and Combustible Liquids	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 5 gallons of class 1 liquids or 25 gallons of class 2 or 3A liquids except where the materials are only directly associated with operations regulated by another permit (not general storage)	VSFPC Chapter 34	200
Flammable Gases	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 200 cubic feet	VSFPC Chapter 35	200
Flammable Solids	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 100 pounds	VSFPC Chapter 36	200
Highly Toxic Materials	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 10 gallons, or 100 pounds, or 200 cubic feet of toxic gas	VSFPC Chapter 37	200
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)	Facilities using, storing or handling ANY amount of LPG with exception to containers less than 500 gallons serving residential buildings and homes	VSFPC Chapter 38	200
Organic Peroxides	Facilities using, storing or handling ANY amount of class 1 through 4 (permit not required for class 5)	VSFPC Chapter 39	200
Oxidizers	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 55 gallons, 500 pounds or 200 cubic feet (see VSFPC for specifics)	VSFPC Chapter 40	200
Pyrophoric Materials	Facilities using, storing or handling ANY amount	VSFPC Chapter 41	200
Pyroxylin Plastics	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 25 pounds	VSFPC Chapter 42	200
Unstable Materials	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 10 gallons or 100 pounds	VSFPC Chapter 43	200
Water-Reactive Materials	Facilities using, storing or handling more than 55 gallons or 500 pounds	VSFPC Chapter 44	200