

Chapter 8

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION*

Article III. Fees for Fire Marshal's office permits and inspections

WHEREAS the Fire Marshal is required by state law to conduct annual inspections of a variety of businesses and further required to review plans and structures associated with most construction activities within the Town; and

WHEREAS the cost of reviewing plans and inspecting businesses is significant and is not reimbursed by the state.

Section 8-37. Permits.

- A. No building or structure subject to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and/or State Fire Prevention Code shall be constructed, used, occupied, enlarged, altered or repaired unless a permit has been granted for said activity by the Fire Marshal.
- B. No person shall undertake any of the operations or activities described in Section 2C of this chapter until such person shall have obtained a permit from the Fire Marshal. Said permit shall be valid from the date of issue as follows:
 - 1) Issued in conjunction with building permit – shall follow building permit guidelines.
 - 2) Issued for occupancy operation – shall follow timeline of occupancy permit fee table according to the appropriate occupancy group.
 - 3) All other permits – twelve (12) months.

No continuation, expansion, diminution or modification of said operations shall be undertaken without obtaining a permit from the Fire Marshal.

- C. No person shall install, enlarge, alter, remove, repair or replace any fire protection system in any building or structure subject to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and/or State Fire Prevention Code, until such person shall have obtained a permit from the Fire Marshal.
- D. The permit(s) required pursuant to this section shall be required in addition to any other permits or licenses required by federal, state or local law.

Section 8-38. Schedule of fees.

- A. The fee for Plan Reviews for new construction, renovations, additions or modernization of buildings or structures shall be at the following rates. For purposes of this subsection, Fast Track is an expedited plan review which will be conducted in one week or less, subject to staff availability.
 - (1) Fire Plan Review (Not Including R-3 Occupancies): Included with Building Permit Fee.

- (2) Mechanical Plan Review (Fire Protection Systems): 25% of Building Permit Fee.
- B. The fee for field inspections, approval and acceptance of new construction, renovations, additions or modernization of multi-family residential (Not Including R-3 Occupancies) and commercial buildings or structures associated with the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy shall be included with the building permit fee.
- C. Any person engaged in any of the following operations and/or occupancies shall obtain periodic inspection thereof according to the schedule set forth in CGS §29-305 as that section may be amended or recodified from time to time. Single Use inspections shall be valid only for a onetime event at a single venue. All inspections include both fire permit and fire inspection. The fee(s) for the annual permit required pursuant to Section 1B, including such inspection(s), shall be as follows:

Operation Permit Fee Table		
Operations and Materials	Permit Required	Permit Fee
Aircraft Hangers	For servicing or repairing aircraft	\$ 100.00 per year
Airport Terminal Buildings	For operation	\$ 100.00 per year
Ambulatory Health Care occupancy*	To operate a ambulatory health care occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Ammonium Nitrate	For storage	\$ 50.00 per year
Apartment Buildings and Dormitories	To operate an apartment building or dormitory	\$ 50.00 per year
Assembly Occupancies*	To operate an assembly occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Automobile Wrecking Yards	To operate automobile wrecking yards	\$ 100.00 per year
Battery System	To operate stationary lead-acid battery systems having an electrolyte capacity of more than 100 gal. (379 L) in sprinklered buildings or 50 gal. (189 L) in nonsprinklered buildings	\$ 50.00 per year
Blasting/Explosives	Per State Statute	\$60.00 each
Business occupancies*	To operate a business occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Candles, Open Flames, and Portable Cooking	To use in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants, or drinking establishments	\$ 30.00 per year or event
Cellulose Nitrate Film	For storage, handling, or use	\$ 50.00 per year
Cleanrooms	For operation	\$ 100.00 per year
Combustible Material Storage	To store more than 2500 ft ³ (70.8 m ³) gross volume	\$ 100.00 per year
Commercial Rubbish Handling Operation	To operate	\$ 100.00 per year
Consumer Fireworks (1.4G)	For the sale, on-site handling, manufacture, and storage of consumer fireworks (1.4G)	\$ 150.00 per year
Covered Mall Buildings	Annual requirement for facilities that utilize	\$ 250.00 per year

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Cutting and Welding Operation	For operations within a jurisdiction	\$ 30.00
Day-care occupancies*	To operate a day-care occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Dry cleaning Plants*	To engage in business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Dust-Producing Operations	To operate a grain elevator, flour mill, starch mill, feed mill, or plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices, or sugar, etc.	\$ 100.00 per year
Educational occupancy*	To operate an educational occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Exhibit and Trade Shows	For operation of all exhibits and trade shows held within a jurisdiction	\$ 150.00 per event
Fairs – No rides	To conduct the events	\$ 50.00 per event
Flame Effects	Use of flame effects before an audience	\$ 150.00 per event
Flammable and Combustible Liquids: Including, Underground Storage Tank installation or removal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To use or operate, repair or modify a pipeline for the on-site transportation of flammable or combustible liquids 2) To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons or in excess of 10 gallons outside a building <i>Exception: A permit is not required for the following:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motor boat, mobile power plant, or mobile heating plant unless such storage in the opinion of the AHJ would cause an unsafe condition.</i> b) <i>The storage or use of paints, oils varnishes, or similar flammable mixtures when such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting, or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.</i> 3) To store, handle or use Class II or Class III A liquids in excess of 25 gallons in a building or in excess of 60 gallons outside a building. <i>Exception: Fuel oil used in conjunction with oil burning</i> 	\$ 50.00

	<p><i>equipment</i></p> <p>4) To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes</p> <p>5) To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries, and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed, or used</p> <p>6) To alter, clean, repair, line with a protective coating, remove, abandon, place temporarily out of service, or otherwise dispose of a flammable or combustible liquid tank</p>	
Hazardous Materials	<p>1) To store, transport on site, dispense, use, or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 1.12.8(d) of 2015 CSFPC</p> <p>2) To repair, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, close, or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 60 of the 2015 CSFPC when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 1.12.8(d) of the 2015 CSFPC</p>	\$50
Health Care facility*	To operate a health care occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
High-Piled Combustible Storage	To use any building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 ft ²	\$ 250.00 per year
Hot Work Operations	For hot work. For additional permit requirements for hot work operations, see 41.1.5	\$ 30.00
Hotels and Bed and Breakfast Establishment*	To operate a hotel, motel or bed and breakfast establishment	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Industrial occupancies*	To operate an industrial occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Industrial Ovens and Furnaces	For operation of industrial ovens and furnaces covered by Chapter 51	\$ 100.00 per year
Laboratories*	To operate	See Occupancy

		Permit Fee Table
Liquefied Petroleum Gases	To store, use, handle, or dispense LP-Gas of 125 gallons (water capacity) aggregate capacity or greater. Includes propane filling stations and cylinder exchange. <i>Exception: One and Two Family dwellings</i>	\$50
Lumberyards and Woodworking Plants	For storage of lumber exceeding 100,000 board ft	\$ 100.00 per year
Membrane Structures, Tents, and Canopies — Permanent	For construction, location, erection, or placement	\$ 50 per Structure
Membrane Structures, Tents, and Canopies — Temporary	To operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or tent having an area in excess of 200 ft ² (18.6 m ²) or a canopy in excess of 400 ft ² (37.2 m ²). Exception: Temporary membrane structures, tents, or canopy structures used exclusively for camping	\$ 50.00
Mercantile occupancies*	To operate a mercantile occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Organic Coatings	For operation and maintenance of a facility that manufactures organic coatings	\$ 150.00 per year
Organic Peroxide Formulations	To store, transport on site, use, or handle materials in excess of amounts listed in Tables 1.12.8 (c) and (d) of the 2015 CSFPC	\$50
Oxidizers	To store, transport on site, use, or handle materials in excess of amounts listed in Tables 1.12.8 (c) and (d) of the 2015 CSFPC	\$50
Parade Floats	To use a parade float for public performance, presentation, spectacle, entertainment or parade	No Fee
Places of Assembly, including Special Amusement Buildings*	To operate a place of assembly	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Pyrotechnic Articles / Sparklers	To manufacture, store, or sell pyrotechnic articles including sparklers and fountains. Applicant will need to submit inventory list and site plans for review	\$200 per year
Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience	For the display and use of pyrotechnic materials before a proximate audience	\$ 150.00 per Event
Pyroxylin Plastics	To store, handle, assemble, or manufacture pyroxylin plastics	\$50
Refrigeration Equipment	To operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system	\$ 50.00 per year

Repair Garages and Service Stations	For operation of service stations and repair garages	\$ 50.00 per year
Residential Board and Care occupancies	To operate a residential board and care occupancy	\$ 50.00 per year
Rocketry Manufacturing	For the manufacturing of model rocket motors	\$ 250.00 per year
Rooftop Heliports	For operation of a rooftop heliport	\$ 250.00 per year
Special Outdoor Events, Carnivals, and Fairs w/rides	For the location and operation of special outdoor events, carnivals, and fairs w/rides	\$ 60.00 per Event
Special Structures and High-Rise Buildings	To operate special structures and high-rise buildings	\$ 50.00 per year
Storage occupancies*	To operate a storage occupancy	See Occupancy Permit Fee Table
Tar Kettles	For placement of a tar kettle, placement shall be obtained prior to the placement of a tar kettle	\$ 30.00
Tire-Rebuilding Plants	For operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant	\$ 150.00 per year
Tire Storage	To use an open area or portion thereof to store tires in excess of 1000 ft ³ (28.3 m ³)	\$ 150.00 per year
Torch-Applied Roofing Operation	For the use of a torch for application of roofing materials	Included with building permit
Wood Products	To store chips, hogged material, lumber, or plywood in excess of 200 ft ³ (5.7 m ³)	\$ 150.00 per year

*Denotes permit required for the appropriate occupancy group of the occupancy permit fee table.

Occupancy Permit Fee Table				
	Occupancy Group 1 Annual Renewal A, E, H-1, I-1 & R (Not Including R-3 Occupancies)	Occupancy Group 2 Biannual Renewal H-2, I-3, I-4, B Medical & B College	Occupancy Group 3 Triennial Renewal B, H-3, M, S-1	Occupancy Group 4 Quadrennial Renewal F-1, F-2, H-4, H- 5, S-2 & U
Fee	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100

D. All permit fees established pursuant to this section are due when an application is submitted to the Fire Marshal.

Section 8-39. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any person who commences any work which is subject to the permit requirements of Section 1A or 1B without first obtaining a permit shall be required to pay a penalty of \$200 in addition to the permit fee otherwise applicable. No such penalty shall be imposed upon a

person who commences emergency repair work without a permit provided that a permit is sought promptly thereafter.

- B. Any person who conducts any operation which is subject to the permit requirements of Section 1B without first obtaining a permit shall be required to pay a penalty equal to the amount of the permit fee otherwise applicable. Said penalty shall be payable in addition to the required permit fee. No such penalty shall be imposed upon a person who commences emergency repair work without a permit provided that a permit is sought promptly thereafter.

Section 8-40. Penalties for non-payment.

Failure to pay fees as prescribed by this document may result in a penalty of legal action of closure and /or a late fee of ten (10) dollars per month from the due date will be assessed. Any fees owed will negate the issuance of any further permits until the fees are paid in full. Emergency work will be considered if it poses a threat to life safety. The Fire Marshal may choose to write infractions for operating without a Town permit in accordance with the Fire Prevention Code

Section 8-41. Penalties for Re-inspections.

One (1) re-inspection will be done per issued permit without a re-inspection fee. All other subsequent re-inspections shall be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee. All such assessments shall be made payable to the Town of Madison, in advance of such inspection

Section 8-42. Agencies exempt from fees; exception.

Agencies of the Town of Madison and the Madison Board of Education shall be required to obtain all permits and/or inspections required pursuant to this Chapter but all fees associated therewith shall be waived.

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