



Community
Development

Fire Code Operational

What is a Fire Code Operational Permit?

A Fire Code Operational Permit (FCPO) is required for businesses conducting a specialized or hazardous operation within a building or on the property. The FCPO is not transferrable, which means if the business changes owners, the operation changes, the business moves, or the life safety requirements are not maintained, the permit is revoked, and the applicant must apply for a new permit.

Which Fire Code Operational Permit Do I Need?

There are many different kinds of FCPO, some operations are common, and others are not. Below are common FCPOs and the definition of each one:

- **Aerosol Product (FCPO-AEROS)**

To manufacture, store, or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products over 500 pounds net weight.

- **Amusement Buildings (FCPO-AMUSE)**

To operate a special amusement building such as a haunted house, maze, or carnival attraction.

- **Aviation Facilities (FCPO-AVIAT)**

To use a Group H or S occupancy for aircraft servicing, repair, and fuel-servicing vehicles.

- **Bed & Breakfast (FCPO-BB)**

A dwelling or separate structure which is used by the owner or primary resident to provide overnight guest lodging for compensation including not more than ten guest rooms and which usually provides a morning meal as part of the room rate structure.

- **Carnival/Fair (FCPO-CFAIR)**

A permit to conduct a carnival or fair.

- **Carbon Dioxide Systems (FCPO-CO2)**

Carbon dioxide systems having more than 100 pounds of carbon dioxide.

- **COMBO (FCPO-COMBO)**

For businesses that have more than one operational classification.

- **Combustible Dust Producing (FCPO-CDUST)**

Finely divided solid material 420 microns or less in diameter, when dispersed in the air, could ignite by an ignition source.

- **Compressed Gases (FCPO-CGAS)**

For the storage, use, or handling of normal temperature and pressure of compressed gases in excess of IFC Table 105.6.9-see checklist.

- **Cutting & Welding (FCPO-CW)**

To conduct cutting and welding operations within the Jurisdiction, inside or outside a building.

- **Dry Cleaning (FCPO-DRYCL)**

To engage in a dry cleaning business or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.

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- **Exhibits/Trade Shows (FCPO-EXHIB)**

To hold an exhibit or trade show.

- **Explosives (FCPO-EXPLO)**

Manufacture, store, handle, sell, or use any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects.

- **Fireworks Display (FCPO-FWDI)**

A presentation of fireworks for a public or private gathering.

- **Fireworks Stand (FCPO-FWST)**

The sale of fireworks during a predetermined time approved by the State and County code in a free-standing structure.

- **Fireworks Tent (FCPO-TENT)**

The sale of fireworks during a predetermined time, approved by State and County code, in a membrane structure (tent).

- **Flammable/Combustible Liquids (FCPO- FCLIQ):**

To store, handle, or use Class I more than 5 gal, Class II or Class IIIA more than 25 gal, Class IIIB in tanks for fueling motor vehicles or fuel burning equipment; removal of Class I or II tanks.