

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL PERMITS

Town of Southern Pines Fire Department – 500 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines, NC 28387 – 910-692-2720

MANDATORY OPERATIONAL PERMITS

- **105.6 Required operational permits.** The *fire code official* is authorized to issue operational permits for the operations set forth in Sections 105.6.1 through 105.6.48.
- **105.6.2 Amusement buildings (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.
- **105.6.5 Carnivals and fairs (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.
- **105.6.10 Covered and open mall buildings (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required for:
 1. The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall.
 2. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall.
 3. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall.
- **105.6.14 Exhibits and trade shows (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.
- **105.6.15 Explosives (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of *explosives, explosive materials*, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 56.

Exceptions:

 1. Fireworks allowed by North Carolina N.C.G.S. 14-414.
 2. Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 5606.
- **105.6.17 Flammable and combustible liquids.** An operational permit is required:
 6. **(Mandatory permit).** 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.
 7. **(Mandatory permit).** To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or *combustible liquid* tank.
 8. **(Mandatory permit).** To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or *combustible liquid* tank to a material that poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.
 9. **(Mandatory permit).** To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or *combustible liquids*.
 10. **(Mandatory permit).** To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

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11. **(Mandatory permit).** To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, marine craft and other special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

- **105.6.20 Fumigation and insecticidal fogging (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or insecticidal fogging, and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.
- **105.6.27 Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid-or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.
- **105.6.37 Private fire hydrants (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.

Exception: A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private hydrants.

- **105.6.38 Pyrotechnic special effects material (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material.
- **105.6.43 Spraying or dipping (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or *combustible liquids*, or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24.
- **105.6.45 Temporary membrane structures and tents (mandatory permit).** An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure, or a temporary stage canopy having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²), or a tent having an area in excess of 800 square feet (74 m²).

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:
 - 2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of 1800 square feet (167 m²).
 - 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 1800 square feet (167 m²) total.
 - 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.
3. Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

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