



CITY OF EASTON

Bureau of Codes and Inspections

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Welding and Hot Work Construction Permit

Site Address: _____ Tax Parcel # _____

Owner: _____ Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Contractor: _____ Phone # _____ Bus Lic # _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-mail : _____

Insurance: W/C Self-insured Exemption Other _____

Type of Hot Work to be performed: Cutting/Welding (2604) Paint Removal (308) other _____

Date and times work is to be performed: _____

Fire watch (Responsible person): _____ Phone No: _____

Fire watch qualifications: _____

- Required fire extinguishing equipment: (Select one)
- 1 - 10 lb ABC multi purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher
 - 2 – 5 lb ABC multi purpose dry chemical extinguishers
 - 2 ½ gallon pressurized water extinguisher/s
 - Garden hose or other pressurized water hose

The applicant certifies that all information on this application is correct and the work will be completed in accordance with the "approved" construction documents and PA Act 45 (Uniform Construction Code) and any additional approved building code requirements adopted by the Municipality. The property owner and applicant assume the responsibility of locating all property lines, setback lines, easements, rights-of-way, flood areas, etc. Issuance of a permit and approval of construction documents shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel, or set aside any provisions of the codes or ordinances of the Municipality or any other governing body. The applicant certifies he/she understands all the applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.

I certify that the code administrator or the code administrator's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the code(s) applicable to such permit.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

CODE OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved _____ date

City Code Administrator

Denied _____ date

City Fire Official / Inspector

Additional Requirements: _____

Permit Fee: \$24.00

Permit No: _____

Issue Date: _____

The "check list" shown below shall be completed by the fire watch on site prior to start of work.

- Hot work equipment to be used shall be in satisfactory operating condition and in good repair.
- Hot work site is clear of combustibles or combustibles are protected.
- Exposed construction is of noncombustible materials or, if combustible, then protected.
- Openings are protected.
- Floors are kept clean.
- No exposed combustibles are located on the opposite side of partitions, walls, ceilings or floors.
- Fire watches, where required, are assigned.
- Approved actions have been taken to prevent accidental activation of suppression and detection equipment in accordance with Sections 2604.1.8 and 2604.1.9.
- Fire extinguishers and fire hoses (where provided) are operable and available.

SECTION 2604

FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2604.1 Protection of combustibles. Protection of combustibles shall be in accordance with Sections 2604.1.1 through 2604.1.9.

2604.1.1 Combustibles. Hot work areas shall not contain combustibles or shall be provided with appropriate shielding to prevent sparks, slag or heat from igniting exposed combustibles.

2604.1.2 Openings. Openings or cracks in walls, floors, ducts or shafts within the hot work area shall be tightly covered to prevent the passage of sparks to adjacent combustible areas, or shielded by metal fire-resistant guards, or curtains shall be provided to prevent passage of sparks or slag.

2604.1.3 Housekeeping. Floors shall be kept clean within the hot work area.

2604.1.4 Conveyor systems. Conveyor systems that are capable of carrying sparks to distant combustibles shall be shielded or shut down.

2604.1.5 Partitions. Partitions segregating hot work areas from other areas of the building shall be noncombustible. In fixed hot work areas, the partitions shall be securely connected to the floor such that no gap exists between the floor and the partition. Partitions shall prevent the passage of sparks, slag, and heat from the hot work area.

2604.1.6 Floors. Fixed hot work areas shall have floors with noncombustible surfaces.

2604.1.7 Precautions in hot work. Hot work shall not be performed on containers or equipment that contains or has contained flammable liquids, gases or solids until the containers and equipment have been thoroughly cleaned, inerted or purged; except that "hot tapping" shall be allowed on tanks and pipe lines when such work is to be conducted by approved personnel.

2604.1.8 Sprinkler protection. Automatic sprinkler protection shall not be shut off while hot work is performed.

Where hot work is performed close to automatic sprinklers, noncombustible barriers or damp cloth guards shall shield the individual sprinkler heads and shall be removed when the work is completed. If the work extends over several days, the shields shall be removed at the end of each workday. The fire code official shall approve hot work where sprinkler protection is impaired.

2604.1.9 Fire detection systems. Approved special precautions shall be taken to avoid accidental operation of automatic fire detection systems.

2604.2 Fire watch. Fire watches shall be established and conducted in accordance with Sections 2604.2.1 through 2604.2.6.

2604.2.1 When required. A fire watch shall be provided during hot work activities and shall continue for a minimum of 30 minutes after the conclusion of the work. The fire code official, or the responsible manager under a hot work program, is authorized to extend the fire watch based on the hazards or work being performed.

Exception: Where the hot work area has no fire hazards or combustible exposures.

2604.2.2 Location. The fire watch shall include the entire hot work area. Hot work conducted in areas with vertical or horizontal fire exposures that are not observable by a single individual shall have additional personnel assigned to fire watches to ensure that exposed areas are monitored.

2604.2.3 Duties. Individuals designated to fire watch duty shall have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available and shall be trained in the use of such equipment. Individuals assigned to fire watch duty shall be responsible for extinguishing spot fires and communicating an alarm.

2604.2.4 Fire training. The individuals responsible for performing the hot work and individuals responsible for providing the fire watch shall be trained in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

2604.2.5 Fire hoses. Where hoselines are required, they shall be connected, charged and ready for operation.

2604.2.6 Fire extinguisher. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 and with a minimum 2-A:20-B:C rating shall be readily accessible within 30 feet (9144 mm) of the location where hot work is performed.

2604.3 Area reviews. Before hot work is permitted and at least once per day while the permit is in effect, the area shall be inspected by the individual responsible for authorizing hot work operations to ensure that it is a fire safe area. Information shown on the permit shall be verified prior to signing the permit in accordance with Section 105.6.

2604.3.1 Pre-hot-work check. A pre-hot-work check shall be conducted prior to work to ensure that all equipment is safe and hazards are recognized and protected. A report of the check shall be kept at the work site during the work and available upon request. The pre-hot-work check shall determine all of the following:

SECTION 308

OPEN FLAMES

308.4 Torches for removing paint. Persons utilizing a torch or other flame-producing device for removing paint from a structure shall provide a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 and with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers, each with a minimum 2-A rating, or a water hose connected to the water supply on the premises where such burning is done. The person doing the burning shall remain on the premises 1 hour after the torch or flame-producing device is utilized.

308.4.1 Permit. A permit in accordance with Section 105.6 shall be secured from the fire code official prior to the utilization of a torch or flame-producing device to remove paint from a structure.

308.5 Open-flame devices. Torches and other devices, machines or processes liable to start or cause fire shall not be operated or used in or upon hazardous fire areas, except by a permit in accordance with Section 105.6 secured from the fire code official.