

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Anchorage Fire Department  
For reading: January 20, 2009

CLERK'S OFFICE  
APPROVED  
Date: 2-24-09 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO No. 2009-7

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
2 SECTION 23.45.105.6 REQUIRED OPERATIONAL PERMITS TO ESTABLISH  
3 FEES.  
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7 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:  
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9 **Section 1:** Anchorage Municipal Code section 23.45.105.6 is amended to read  
10 as follows:  
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13 **23.45.105.6 Required operational permits.**  
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15 Amend 105.6 as follows:  
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17 Delete Section[S] 105.6 and subs[S]ections 105.6.1 through 105.6.46,  
18 except tables 105.6.8 and 105.6.20.  
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21 Replace 105.6 with the following:  
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24 The fire code official is authorized to issue operational permits for the  
25 operations set forth in 105.6.1 through 105.6.17. Fees for operational  
26 permits shall be charged in accordance with the time period allocated to the  
27 permit with the exception of connection to the municipal fire alarm circuit in  
28 section 105.6.5. Permit cycle and need for an on-site inspection shall be  
29 determined on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Fire Chief.  
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<u>Permit cycle</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Annual</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>
<u>Per event</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>

Add 17 new subsections as follows:

*105.6.1 Amusement buildings.* An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building as defined in Section 202 of this code.

*105.6.2 Battery systems.* A permit is required to install stationary lead-acid battery systems having a liquid capacity of more than 50 gallons (189 l).

*105.6.3 [2] Carnivals and fairs.* An operational permit is required to operate a carnival or fair.

*105.6.4 [3] Compressed gases.* An operational permit is required for the storage, use or handling at normal temperature and pressure (NTP) of compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.8.

*105.6.5 [4] Connection to municipal fire alarm.* An operational permit is required to connect a private fire alarm system to the municipal fire alarm circuit. The annual fee for connection to the municipal fire alarm circuit shall be \$1200.00.

*105.6.6 [5] Exhibits and trade shows.* An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.

*105.6.7 [6] Explosives.* An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantities of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of chapter 33.

*105.6.8 [7] Hazardous materials.* An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in table 105.6.20.

*105.6.9 [8] High-pile storage.* An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof as a high-pile storage area exceeding 500 square feet (46 m<sup>2</sup>).

*105.6.10 [9] Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.* An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.

*105.6.11 [10] LP-gas.* An operational permit is required for:

1. Storage and use of LP-gas.

*Exception:* A permit is not required for individual containers with 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less serving occupancies in Group R-3.

2. Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.

*105.6.12 [11] Open burning.* An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.

*Exception:* Recreational fires.

*105.6.13 Places of assembly.* An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly with an occupant load of 500 [1,000] or more.

*105.6.14 Private fire hydrants.* An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.

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

*105.6.15 Pyrotechnics special effects material.* An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material as defined in section 3302.1 of this code.

*105.6.16 Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies.* An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>).

*Exceptions:*

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Fabric canopies and awnings open on all sides which comply with all the following:
  - 2.1 Individual canopies shall have a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2 The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 2.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

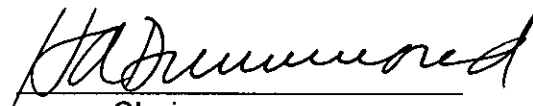
*105.6.17 Gates and restricted access roads.* An operational permit is

required to install, maintain, and continue use of gates and restricted access egress on fire department access roads.

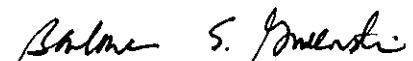
(AO No. 2007-174, § 1, 1-1-08)

**Section 2:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

AO Number: 2009-7

Title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE  
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 23.45.105.6 REQUIRED  
OPERATIONAL PERMITS TO ESTABLISH FEES.**

Sponsor: MAYOR  
Preparing Agency: Fire Department, Fire Prevention  
Others Impacted:

<b>CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:</b>		<b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
	<b>FY09</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>CAPITAL:</b>					
<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp</b>					

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

Approval of this ordinance should have no significant impact on the public sector.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

Approval of this ordinance should have minimal economic impact on the private sector.

If the ordinance is approved, the Fire Department has the authority to issue operational permits on a limited basis and charge for those permits accordingly. Additionally, the Fire Chief is able to permit and charge for a connection to the Municipal Fire Alarm circuit. These permits are limited and only on large, institutional structures.

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# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 46-2009

Meeting Date: January 20, 2009

1 FROM: MAYOR

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3 SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
4 SECTION 23.45.105.6 REQUIRED OPERATIONAL PERMITS TO  
5 ESTABLISH FEES.  
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8 The 2006 International Fire Code recognizes operational permit types that the Fire  
9 Chief is authorized to issue. Local code adoption committees traditionally delete  
10 those sections and re-adopt a limited version of the operational permits. Fees for  
11 those operational permits are not currently addressed in the Building or Fire Codes  
12 or local amendments. This ordinance establishes the minimal fees the Fire  
13 Department may charge, and also includes battery systems in the list of  
14 operations, reduces the occupational load to 500 for places of assembly requiring  
15 a permit, and rennumbers the subsections.  
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17 The Anchorage Fire Department maintains a Municipal Fire Alarm circuit system to  
18 immediately notify AFD dispatch personnel when an alarm is occurring. Certain  
19 limited and large, or high hazard occupancy, facilities are required to connect to  
20 that circuit. This ordinance includes an annual permit fee of \$1200.00 for the  
21 connection.  
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24 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE  
25 AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 23.45.105.6  
26 REQUIRED OPERATIONAL PERMITS TO ESTABLISH FEES.  
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30 Prepared and Approved by: Craig Goodrich, Fire Chief  
31 Concur: Sharon B. Weddleton, CFO  
32 Concur: James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney  
33 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager  
34 Respectfully Submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

**Content ID:** 006422**Type:** Ordinance - AO

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
**Title:** SECTION 23.45.105.6, LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE  
 CODE, REQUIRED OPERATIONAL PERMITS.

**Author:** maglaquijp**Initiating Dept:** AFD

**Description:** Ordinance to modify the Fire Code to allow for minimal fees for operational permits and  
 for connection to the Municipal Fire Alarm circuit.

**Date Prepared:** 5/21/08 2:29 PM**Director Name:** Chief Craig Goodrich**Assembly Meeting Date:** 1/20/09

**Public Hearing**  
**Date:** 2/24/09

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