



## FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS STORAGE and DISPENSING REQUIREMENTS (For Outdoor Motor Sporting Events)

These requirements shall apply to temporary outdoor storage and dispensing of flammable liquids at sporting events involving vehicles or other fueled equipment when more than 10 gallons is stored in containers at any one location. Containers or groups of containers separated by 5 feet or more may be considered as being at separate locations.

- 1) **Fire Code permit is required.** A Fire Code permit application must be completed and submitted to the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau for their review and approval.
- 2) No plastic or glass containers are to be used. Exception: Plastic “gasoline” containers not exceeding 5 gallons (or 6 gallon boat tanks) and listed by Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual may be used.
- 3) Spill control shall be provided to confine spills or leaks to the immediate area.
- 4) Fuel storage areas must be roped or fenced off.
- 5) Storage shall be protected against tampering or vehicular damage.
- 6) Emergency vehicle access shall be provided within 150 feet.
- 7) Grass and brush shall be cut and removed from fuel storage area for radius of at least 10 feet.
- 8) Smoking, open flames and other ignition sources are prohibited within 25 feet.
- 9) NO SMOKING signs to be posted on all four (4) sides of fuel storage area.
- 10) Fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of 40-B:C shall be located within 30 feet of travel distance to all portions of fuel storage and dispensing areas.
- 11) Dispensing shall be conducted at least 15 ft from buildings, combustible materials and storage of flammable liquids and at least 25 ft. from public sidewalks, paths or streets.
- 12) Dispensing shall be from containers with capacity of 5 gallons or less.
- 13) A fire watch shall be provided.

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- 14) Contact Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Marine Services-Aquatic Events Unit regarding aquatic events permit requirements.
- 15) Fire Prevention Bureau inspection required prior to start of event. To schedule inspection call (253) 798-7179 no later than 12 noon at least two (2) business (regular work) days prior to the event.

NOTE: If an inspection is made outside of regular business hours, an after hours inspection fee shall apply. See Pierce County Code 17C.60.085 F:

*"After-hours inspection means an inspection authorized or required pursuant to the International Fire Code for which it is necessary for the convenience of the permittee to have an inspection conducted outside of normal business hours. The Fire Prevention Bureau shall charge an additional fee (in addition to other permit fees) of \$80.00 per hour, with one-hour minimum, with additional time to be computed in quarter hour increments, and to include travel time..."*

Fire Prevention Bureau's regular business hours are 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).