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VITAL INFORMATION ON DUMPSTER PERMITS (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

► **Who needs a Combustible Waste Storage (dumpster) Permit?** All businesses, apartment complexes, strip centers and other properties with dumpsters or roll-off containers exceeding 50 cubic feet must have a Combustible Waste Storage Permit. *Fines for failure to obtain a permit or having an expired permit range from \$500 to \$2000.*

► **Why do I need a Combustible Waste Storage (dumpster) Permit?** Yearly, Houston Fire Department crews must respond to dozens of dumpster fires. Many of the blazes cause significant damage to nearby property. By inspecting dumpsters, we can save local businesses and the City considerable time and money by ensuring proper placement and access to these large receptacles.

► **Is there a cost for the permit?** Yes. Permits may be obtained in one-year, two-year or three-year renewable increments. The annual permit cost for one dumpster is \$75.00 plus a \$5.00 administrative fee. The cost for one dumpster for a two year permit is \$150.00 plus the \$5.00 administrative fee and the cost for a three year permit is \$225.00 plus the \$5.00 administrative fee. The fee structure for two or more dumpsters is as follows: the one year permit costs \$150.00 plus the \$5.00 administrative fee, a two year permit costs \$300.00 plus the \$5.00 administrative fee and the three year permit for two or more dumpsters is \$450.00 plus the \$5.00 administrative fee.

► **Who is responsible for obtaining the permit?** Whoever contracted the dumpster is responsible for obtaining the Dumpster Permit. The permit must be posted and readily available for inspection by the code inspector. The permit is address specific and each property with a dumpster requires a separate permit.

► **Is the permit the only Code requirement pertaining to dumpsters?** SWMD Code Enforcement Inspectors as well as the Fire and Health inspectors will inspect dumpsters and respond to complaints of noncompliance to City Codes. Inspectors check to ensure:

- Validation of dumpster permits.
- Validation of dumpster permits for the proper number of receptacles.
- Proper fitting lids for dumpsters.
- Clean and clear space around dumpsters.
- Dumpster is not placed on sidewalk, street, or other public property or obstructing exit from a building.
- Proper clearance from roof eave lines or overhead electrical power lines.
- Service provider's name and telephone number are printed on the container.

► **Who is responsible for misplaced dumpsters?** If the service provider has misplaced the container, they are responsible for moving it into compliance. As long as the container remains empty, it remains the service provider's responsibility and they are considered to be in noncompliance and subject to a citation. If the user of the container places any combustible waste in the container while it is improperly located, the user can be held liable.

► **How do I apply for the permit?** For more information or for Combustible Waste Permit Applications, log onto www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 713-837-9159.

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Solid Waste Management Department - Permit Office **Combustible Waste Storage Permit Application** *One Application and One Original Notarized Affidavit is required for each location*

Application Type: New Renewal

Mailing Address of Applicant

(Please Type or Print)

Name of Business: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Print name of person responsible as it should appear on the permit:

Business Phone: () _____ Ext. _____ Emergency No.: () _____ Ext. _____

Business Fax : () _____ Check here, if you would like to receive your permit by fax.

Service Address of Applicant

Permit Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Payment Information

Number of dumpsters at service location: _____

Fee Options: Permits can be purchased for one year or for increments of 2 years or 3 years as shown below:

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Check/Money Order/Credit Card
Original application and original notarized affidavit must be mailed in. Make payable to: City of Houston
Mail application, notarized affidavit and payment to: Solid Waste Management Dept., Permit Section, P.O. Box 1562, Houston, Tx. 77251
If paying by credit card, please complete the credit card information:

(Circle One) AmEx Visa MC Discover

Account # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

One (1) Year:

- 1 Dumpster \$75.00 + \$5.00 (Admin. Fee)= \$80.00
 2+ Dumpsters \$150.00 + \$5.00 (Admin. Fee)= \$155.00

Two (2) Years:

- 1 Dumpster \$150.00 + \$5.00(Admin. Fee)= \$155.00
 2+ Dumpsters \$300.00 + \$5.00 (Admin. Fee)= \$305.00

Three (3) Years:

- 1 Dumpster \$225.00 + \$5.00 (Admin. Fee)= \$230.00
 2+ Dumpsters \$450.00 + \$5.00 (Admin. Fee)= \$455.00

FEES PAID WITH THIS APPLICATION ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

For further information, call 713-837-9159

I understand that the permit I have applied for may be revoked at any time for violation of the terms and conditions under which same is granted or for any violation of the City of Houston Fire Codes and Ordinance pertaining thereto. I also understand that this permit must be posted at the location indicated as the permitted premises.

Signature

Application Date

(Office Use Only) Date _____ / _____ / _____ Input By _____ Supervisor Approval _____
Check _____ Money Order _____ CC Approval _____

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Departamento de Basura – Permiso de Oficina

Aplicación para obtener permiso de botar Combustible

Una aplicación y el original de una declaración jurada ante un notario son requisitos para cada locación

Tipo de Aplicación: Nuevo Renovar

(Por favor, escriba a máquina o use letra imprenta)

DIRECCION DEL SOLICITANTE:

Nombre del Negocio: _____

Calle / Apartado Postal: _____

Ciudad/ Estado/ Código Postal: _____

Escriba el nombre de la persona responsable que va a aparecer en el permiso: _____

Número de teléfono del negocio: () _____ Extensión: _____

Número de teléfono en caso de emergencia: () _____ Extensión: _____

Número de fax: () _____ Indique aquí, si usted desea recibir el permiso vía fax.

DIRECCION DEL NEGOCIO O LUGAR DE SERVICIO:

Calle / Apartado Postal: _____

Ciudad/ Estado/ Código Postal: _____

INFORMACION DE PAGO: Cantidad de contenedores de basura en el negocio o local: _____

OPCIONES DE PAGO: Cheque/Money Order/Tarjeta de Crédito

Opción Cheque: Haga su cheque a nombre de: **City of Houston**

La aplicación original y la declaración jurada ante un notario deben ser enviadas por correo a la siguiente dirección:

Solid Waste Management Dept., Permit Section

P.O. Box 1562,

Houston, TX 77251.

Opción Tarjeta de Crédito: Si va a pagar con tarjeta de crédito, por favor llene la forma con la información de su tarjeta de crédito.

(Escoja una): AmEx Visa MC Discover

Número de cuenta # _____

Fecha de vencimiento: _____

Firma: _____

Opciones de Costo:

Los permisos se pueden comprar por un año ó 2 años ó 3 años como se muestra a continuación:

Un (1) Año:

Un (1) contenedor de basura \$75.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$80.00

Dos (2) o más contenedores de basura \$150.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$155.00

Dos (2) Años:

Un (1) contenedor de basura \$150.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$155.00

Dos (2) o más contenedores de basura \$300.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$305.00

Tres (3) Años:

Un (1) contenedor de basura \$225.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$230.00

Dos (2) o más contenedores de basura \$450.00 + \$5.00 (costo adm.) = \$455.00

LOS COSTOS QUE SE PAGUEN CON ESTA APLICACION NO SON REEMBOLSABLES

Para mayor información, llamar al 713-837-9159

Entiendo que el permiso que he solicitado puede ser revocado en cualquier momento siempre y cuando se hayan violado los términos y condiciones por el cual fue obtenido e igualmente si existiera alguna violación de los códigos u ordenanzas pertinentes al Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Houston. También entiendo que el permiso debe ser mostrado en el local para el cual el permiso fue otorgado.

Firma

Fecha de aplicación

(Para uso de la oficina)

Fecha: ____/____/____ Realizado por: _____ Aprobación del supervisor: _____

Cheque _____ Money Order _____ Aprobación de la Tarjeta de Crédito: _____