

Chapter 15.28

FIRE CODE

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15.28.010 Title.

The ordinance codified in this chapter shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "City of Ripon Fire Code". (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996; Ord. 501 § 1, 1992; Ord. 297 § 6, 1980)

15.28.020 Adopted.

The 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, including Appendices I-A to and including VI-F thereof, a copy of which is now on file and open to inspection by the public in the office of the City Clerk and also in the office of the Building Official, and also in the office of the Fire Chief of the Ripon Consolidated Fire District, is adopted by incorporation in this chapter as the Fire Code of the City pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code of the State of California relating thereto, and each and every provision therein set forth, except as amended by this chapter, are referred to and made a part of this chapter as if set forth in this chapter, including the amendments thereto hereinafter set forth which are also enacted as a part thereof. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.025 Part 1, Article 4, Section 4.108 - Permit fees.

The following permit fees and expiration dates shall apply for any permits issued.

Applicable Uniform Fire Code Section	Permit Issued For	Fee Charged	Time of Expiration
4.108.a.1.	Aerosol products	\$50.00	Until revoked
4.108.a.2.	Aircraft refueling vehicles	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.a.3.	Aircraft repair hanger	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.a.4.	Automobile wrecking yard	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.b.1.	Bowling pin or alley refinishing	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.1.	Candles and open flames in	25.00	Per display
4.108.c.2.	Carnivals and fairs	100.00	Per display
4.108.c.3.	Cellulose nitrate film less than #25	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.4.	Cellulose nitrate storage	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.5.	Combustible fiber storage	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.6.	Combustible material storage	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.7.	Compressed gases storage/handling	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.c.8.	Cryogenics	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.d.1.	Dry cleaning plants	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.d.2.	Dust-producing operations	75.00	Until revoked
4.108.e.1.	Explosives or blasting agents	50.00	Per inspection
4.108.f.1.	Fire hydrants and water-control valves	Fixed	By City Council action
4.108.f.2.	Fireworks	50.00	Per display
4.108.f.3.	Flammable or combustible liquids (Storage/Handling)	75.00	Until revoked
4.108.f.4.	Fruit ripening	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.f.5.	Fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging	25.00	Per site

Applicable Uniform Fire Code Section	Permit Issued For	Fee Charged	Time of Expiration
4.108.g.1.	Garages, Repair	25.00	Until revoked
4.108.h.1.	Hazardous materials-storage	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.h.2.	Hazardous production materials	100.00	Until revoked
4.108.h.3.	High-piled combustible storage	75.00	Until revoked
4.108.j.1.	Junk yards	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.l.1.	Liquefied petroleum gases less than 2000 gal. or dispensing	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.l.2.	Liquid or gas fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.l.3.	Lumber yards (woodworking)	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.m.1.	Magnesium working	75.00	Until revoked
4.108.m.2.	Mall, covered	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.m.3.	Matches, Storage	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.o.1.	Occupant load increase	25.00	Until revoked
4.108.o.2.	Open burning (entertainment)	10.00	Per display
4.108.o.3.	Organic coatings-manufacture	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.o.4.	Ovens, industrial baking or drying	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.p.1.	Parade floats	10.00	Per display
4.108.p.2.	Places of assembly	75.00	Until revoked
4.108.p.3.	Pyrotechnical special effects materials	50.00	Per display
4.108.r.1.	Radioactive materials	100.00	Until revoked
4.108.r.2.	Refrigeration equipment	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.s.1.	Spraying or dipping	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.t.1.	Tents, canopies and temporary membrane structures	20.00	Per display
4.108.t.2.	Tire recapping	50.00	Until revoked
4.108.t.3.	Tire storage	50.00	Until revoked

Applicable Uniform Fire Code Section	Permit Issued For	Fee Charged	Time of Expiration
4.108.w.2.	Welding and cutting operations	50.00	Until revoked
	3rd and subsequent inspections	35.00/ hr	Per inspection
	Special inspections	35.00/hr	Per inspection 1 hour minimum
	Fire clearances E1, E2 occupancy	100.00	Per inspection
	Day care facilities, less than 50#	50.00	Per inspection
	Day care facilities, more than 50#	75.00	Per inspection

Any permit fees charged shall be paid to, collected by, and retained by the Ripon Consolidated Fire District for the services performed by the District in connection with the issuance of permits, inspection and enforcement of the Fire Code. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.030 Part 1, Article 5. Miscellaneous Provisions.

The Uniform Fire Code, 1994 Edition, is amended by adding to Part 1, Administrative, an Article 5, entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions", to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

(a) The Fire Chief of the Ripon Consolidated Fire District is hereby appointed and authorized to administer this Code with the assistance of such deputies as he may appoint.

(b) The Fire Chief is hereby vested with the powers to enforce the provisions of this chapter and other fire protection laws of the county and state. He may appoint such deputies as he may see fit to assist in the enforcement of these laws.

(c) Whenever the word "Chief" is used in the Fire Code, 1994 Edition, it shall mean the Ripon Consolidated Fire District Fire Chief or his appointed deputies.

(d) Whenever the work "Municipality" is used in the Fire Code, 1994 Edition, it shall mean the City of Ripon.

(e) Whenever the word "Administrator" is used in the Fire Code, 1994 Edition, it shall mean the City Administrator of the City of Ripon.

(f) The issuance or granting of a permit pursuant to this chapter and the Uniform Fire Code shall not be

deemed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. Any permits presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this chapter shall be invalid, except insofar as the work or use which is authorized thereby is deemed to be lawful.

(g) Every permit issued by the Ripon Consolidated Fire District under the provisions of this chapter shall expire by any specific limitation contained therein, or as otherwise set forth herein, and in any event shall become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within one year from the date of such permit, or any earlier date fixed by the Fire Chief; or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for more than 30 days at any time after the work is first commenced during the period of one year or such earlier date as may have been fixed by the Fire Chief. Before any such work can be recommenced a new permit shall be first obtained to do so.

(h) The violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall also be deemed a public nuisance, and civil action to abate, enjoin, or otherwise compel the cessation of such nuisance may be taken by the City Attorney of the City of Ripon upon the written complaint of the Fire Chief. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.035 Effect on Chapter 9.28.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.28.020, those provisions of the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code pertaining to the sale, use and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks, including, but not limited to, Article 78, Section 78.202 thereof, as well as any subsequent provisions of successor Editions of the Uniform Fire Code, are hereby repealed and not adopted by the City of Ripon, such that the sale, use and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks is permitted within the City of Ripon, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 9.28 of the Ripon Municipal Code. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.040 Appeal.

Whenever the Fire Chief shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit therefor, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply

or that the true intent and meaning of the Code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Fire Chief to the Board of Appeals as provided for in Article 2, Division III, Special Procedures, Section 2.303 of the 1994 Uniform Fire Code. Said appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision appealed from. Any such appeal shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds therefor and the facts upon which the appeal is based. The Board of Appeals shall thereafter, as soon as the same can reasonable be done, hear the appeal and the decision of the Board of Appeals pertaining thereto shall be final. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.045 New Materials, Processes or Occupancies.

The Fire Chief shall also determine and specify after giving any affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies which shall require permits in addition to those now specifically enumerated in the Code. The Fire Chief shall post such a list in a conspicuous place in his offices and shall make available copies thereof to any interested persons. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)

15.28.050 Violation--Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, in addition to any other penalty provisions provided for herein or in the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code, shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed One Hundred Eighty (180) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each such day or portion thereof during which any violation of this chapter occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as provided herein. (Ord. 560 § 1, 1996)