



City of Allentown

Tank Permit

APPLICATION NUMBER:

DATE ISSUED:

UNDERGROUND, ABOVE GROUND, ABANDONED FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS TANKS

Application is hereby made for a permit to install, erect, or alter flammable liquid tanks and to use the premises for the purposes described herewith. The information which follows is made part of this application by the undersigned. It is understood and agreed by this applicant that any error, misstatement or misrepresentation of material fact either with or without intention on the part of this applicant, such as might or would operate or cause a refusal of this application, or any change in the location, size or use of flammable liquids tanks or land made subsequent to the issuance of this permit, without approval of the Fire Prevention Office or Department of Building Standards, shall constitute sufficient ground for the revocation of this permit and or prosecution, or both.

Please circle work to be completed:

INSTALLATION OF TANK REMOVE ABOVE GROUND TANK REMOVE BELOW GROUND TANK FILL TANK

LOCATION, OWNERSHIP AND CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY:

STREET ADDRESS: _____

OWNER NAME: _____

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TENANT NAME: _____

DOES TENANT HAVE OWNER'S CONSENT FOR PROPOSED WORK? _____

CURRENT USE OF BUILDING & NUMBER OF FAMILIES: _____

CIRCLE TANK LOCATION: ABOVE GROUND BELOW GROUND EXTERIOR INTERIOR

TANK CAPACITY (GALLONS): _____

TANKS CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL: _____ TANK LENGTH: _____

APPLICANT: BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE NUMBER: _____ PRICE ESTIMATE: \$ _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

DATE OF INSPECTION _____ INSPECTOR _____

REMARKS: _____

Tank Removal Regulations

All tanks abandoned or unused for a period of one (1) year must be removed in a n approved manner or otherwise safeguarded. Leaking tanks must be removed, repaired, or otherwise mitigated immediately.

1. Obtain a permit from Building Standards and Safety on the fourth floor of City Hall. In cases where the tank is a State-regulated tank, also notify the DEP. The removal of a State regulated tank requires a State licensed contractor. Contact "PA One Call" prior to any excavating (800-242-1776 or 811). The PA One Call website is www.paonecall.org. The State does not regulate home heating oil tanks. The State does get involved if there is a leak.
2. [Contact the Department of Building Standards and Safety for the removal or safeguarding of any above ground tank.](#)
3. [Contact the Fire Prevention Office for the removal or safeguarding of any below ground tank.](#)
4. If the underground tank cannot be removed from the property and it is proposed to fill the tank in place, permission must be granted from the Fire Prevention Office before any below ground tank is filled in place. Leaking tanks may not be filled in place.
5. Tanks to be filled in place must be completely cleaned of all fuels, residues, water, and other substances. The tank may then be filled with an inert, non-shrinking and non-settling material such as concrete. Any tank that is under a foundation or driving surface, must be filled with due care so that future tank decay will not cause a structural problem or collapse.
6. Tanks to be removed must be rendered safe before being pulled from the ground. Removal of tanks with flammable liquids or vapors remaining inside is not permitted.
7. Below ground tanks abandoned in place shall be as follows:
 - a) Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank connected piping.
 - b) The suction, inlet, gauge, vapor return and vapor lines shall be disconnected.
 - c) The tank shall be filled completely with an approved inert solid material.
 - d) A record of tank size location and date of abandonment shall be retained.
 - e) All exterior above grad fill piping shall be permanently removed when tanks are abandoned or removed.
8. It is the property owner's responsibility to make sure that an environmental hazard does not exist. The DEP requires soil samples for regulated tanks. The Fire Prevention Office will inspect the excavation and/or tank for visible contamination at all underground tank removal sites.
9. Aboveground tanks may be removed. Contact Building Standards Department for guidance. There are lesser standards for aboveground tanks.
10. All basic safety rules, OSHA regulations and ignition control safety rules must be followed at tank operations.
11. Notify the Fire Prevention Office when the underground tank will be removed or filled. Coordinate the removal or filling so that a Fire Marshal may attend. This will protect the property owner with an official City Record.

[Any questions concerning below ground tanks are to be directed to the Fire Prevention Office, \(610\) 437-7758.](#)

[Any questions concerning above ground tanks are to be directed to the Department of Building Standards and Safety, \(610\) 437-7592.](#)

D.E.P. (570) 826-2511