

TANK REMOVAL REGULATIONS

SCOPE: All tanks abandoned or unused for a period of one (1) year must be removed in an 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 (1-800-242-1776 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 the 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 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 and 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-grade 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, but this does not guarantee a clean environment.
9. Aboveground tanks may be removed. Contact the 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

PA STATE CERTIFIED INSTALLER'S NUMBER:

PA STATE POLICE FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL NUMBER:

CITY OF ALLENTOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION 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 liquid tanks or land made subsequent to the issuance of this permit, without approval of the Fire Prevention Office or the Department of Building Standards, shall constitute sufficient ground for the revocation of this permit and/or prosecution, or both.

A. LOCATION, OWNERSHIP AND PRESENT USE OF PROPERTY:

INSTALLATION OF TANK [] REMOVAL OF ABOVE GROUND TANK [] REMOVAL OF BELOW GROUND TANK [] FILL TANK []

1 STREET AND NUMBER _____ WARD _____
2 DEED OWNER _____
3 OWNER'S ADDRESS _____
4 PRESENT TENANT _____
DOES TENANT HAVE OWNER'S CONSENT FOR PROPOSED WORK? _____
5 PRESENT USE OF STRUCTURE & NUMBER OF FAMILIES _____
6 PRESENT BUILDING, DESCRIBE: _____
7 PRESENT USE OF LAND: _____
8 FIRE DISTRICT _____
9 ZONING DISTRICT _____

B. PROPOSED USE OF STRUCTURE AND/OR LAND; AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

1 PROPOSED USE OF STRUCTURE & NUMBER OF FAMILIES: _____
2 PROPOSED USE OF LAND: _____
3 TYPE OF STRUCTURE: NEW STRUCTURE [] EXISTING STRUCTURE [] ADDITION []
CHANGE OF USE [] OTHER _____
4 TANK LOCATION ABOVE GROUND [] BELOW GROUND [] EXTERIOR [] INTERIOR []
5 LIQUID TO BE HANDLED: _____
6 TANK CAPACITY, NUMBER, SIZE: 275 GALLON [] 500 GALLON [] 1000 GALLON [] 2000 GALLON []
3000 GALLON [] 4000 GALLON [] 5000 GALLON [] 6000 GALLON [] OTHER _____
MATERIAL _____ GAUGE _____ DIAMETER _____
LENGTH: FT IN _____
7 FIRE SAFETY _____
(NUMBER OF CHEMICAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS PROVIDED ON PREMISES, TYPE, RATING)

C. APPLICANT:

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

1 NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
2 PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: _____
3 ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____
4 OWNER, LESSEE, OR AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR OWNER OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: _____
5 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

D. APPROVAL AND DATES OF ACTION TAKEN:

1 APPLICATION APPROVED: YES [] NO [] DATE: _____ INSPECTOR: _____
2 REASON FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION: _____

REMARKS: _____

NOTE: PLANS APPROVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED HEREWITH, TO BE MADE PART THEREOF. THIS PERMIT IS VOID WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF DATE OF ISSUE UNLESS WORK HAS STARTED.