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TITLE: PALLETS - EXTERIOR STORAGE OF PALLETS ACCESSORY TO OCCUPANCIES

SCOPE: Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention requirements for the submittal and approval of storage for more than 50 pallets or 500 sf. or more of a pallet storage area. Specifically, this guideline addresses the exterior storage of pallets accessory to occupancies.

Other pallet storage scenarios, such as interior storage and exterior storage at pallet yards, are outside the scope of this document. Interior storage of pallets shall be in accordance with Chapter 23 of the Clark County Fire Code and NFPA 13. Interior storage of pallets exceeding 6 feet in height requires a high piled combustible storage permit. Exterior storage of pallets at commercial pallet yards shall be in accordance with the specific guideline addressing that operation.

PURPOSE: To standardize plan/permit requirements required by Fire Prevention in accordance with the Clark County Fire Code. Permits for the storage of pallets expire one year from issue date and shall be renewed annually.

DEFINITIONS:

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): A unique number assigned to each property by the Clark County Assessor's office.

ANNUAL RENEWABLE PERMIT PROCEDURE:

After issuance of your initial permit(s), your permit(s) be valid for one year. Approximately 30-60 days prior to the expiration of your permit, a renewal notice will be mailed to you with instructions for the annual permit renewal.

If you do not receive this notice, it is your responsibility to submit the renewal application. Please refer to the website for additional information.

PERMIT FEES:

Permit fees shall be assessed in accordance with the Permit Fee Schedule as adopted in the Clark County Fire Code. For applications that are expedited, additional fees shall apply.

SPECIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

An application must be completed for each submittal. A minimum of three sets of plans shall be submitted with the permit application. Plans shall show compliance in accordance with Section 319 of the Clark County Fire Code, as adopted and amended. All submittals must be legible and readable or the plan shall be issued a correction letter for cause.

Plans shall address the following:

1. **STORAGE SITE:** Plans shall show the configuration of pallet storage on a top view, with the pallet piles, building, property line, and fire access lanes identified on the plan.
2. **PILE HEIGHT:** Stacks shall not exceed a height of 15 ft. (4.57 m) or any height restriction set by other ordinances of the jurisdiction, whichever is lower. Stacks shall be arranged to form stable piles.
3. **STACK DISTANCE TO PROPERTY LINE:** Piles shall be no closer than eight (8) ft. (2.44 m), or a distance equal to the stack height, to any property line, whichever is greater.
4. **STACK DISTANCE TO OTHER ON-SITE EXTERIOR STORAGE:** Clearance between outside pallet storage and other on-site exterior storage shall be no closer than eight (8) ft. (2.44 m).
5. **STACK DISTANCE TO STRUCTURE:** Stacks shall be no closer than 15 ft. (4.57 m) to any on-site structure, except when the exterior storage meets one of the scenarios as provided below.
 - a. For storage of 50 pallets or less adjacent to a masonry construction building with no doors or windows or other building openings within 20 feet of the pallet pile, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of zero (0) feet.
 - b. For storage of 50 pallets or less adjacent to a masonry construction building with protected openings, including protected doors and protected windows, and with exterior sidewall fire sprinkler protection for the pallet pile, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of zero (0) feet.
 - c. For storage of 51-200 pallets adjacent to a masonry construction building with no doors or windows or other building openings within 20 feet of the pallet pile, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of eight (8) feet.
 - d. For storage of 51-200 pallets adjacent to a masonry construction building with protected openings, including protected doors and protected windows, and with exterior sidewall fire sprinkler protection for the pallet pile, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of eight (8) feet.
 - e. For storage of 50 pallets or less adjacent to a wood or metal construction building with full fire sprinkler protection inside the building, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of eight (8) feet.
 - f. For storage of 51-200 pallets adjacent to a wood or metal construction building with full fire sprinkler protection inside the building and exterior sidewall fire sprinkler protection for the pallet pile, the pallets are permitted to have a separation to the building of eight (8) feet.

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- g. For storage of 201 or more pallets, a specific fire protection plan shall be submitted to and approved by the fire code official.

PERMIT REVISIONS AND RESUBMITTALS

Revisions to approved plans are required to be submitted and approved. Revisions will be assessed additional plan review fees. A copy of the previously approved plan shall accompany the revised submittal to facilitate the review. Clearly indicate all changes to the revised plans by clouding the change with a delta number signify the date of plan change. When several changes have been made, a detailed list of changes is required.

Re-submittals to address a Letter of Correction will require a full submittal. These plans require a copy of the red lined plan from the previous submittal to facilitate the review. Clearly indicate all changes by clouding the change with the delta number to signify the date of plan change.

PLANS CHECK STATUS INSTRUCTIONS:

The status of the review can be checked by logging on to:
www.clarkcountynv.gov/building/fire-prevention

INSPECTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED AND SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS:

If approved, an inspection will need to be scheduled. To schedule an inspection, go to:
www.clarkcountynv.gov/building/fire-prevention

A fire inspector will review your site in accordance with the approved plans and this guideline and, if compliant, will issue the permit.

The Fire Prevention (FP) may witness and accept inspection, testing and maintenance of fire and life safety systems conducted by approved individuals as required by and within the scope and authority of the Clark County Fire Code.

This Guideline does not take the place of the Fire Code and does not take precedence over any Fire Code requirement or position taken by the Fire Chief. When a conflict exists between the requirements of this Guideline and the Fire Code or the opinion of the Fire Chief, the Fire Code or opinion of the Fire Chief prevails.

Technical Assistance, when required by the Fire Chief, will require a Technical Opinion and Report prepared by a State of Nevada licensed: qualified engineer, specialist, laboratory, or fire safety specialty organization acceptable to the Fire Chief and the owner. The Fire Chief is authorized to require design submittals to bear the Wet Stamp and Signature of a professional engineer.

Acceptance of Alternative Materials and Methods requires a Technical Opinion and Report prepared by a State of Nevada licensed: qualified engineer, specialist, laboratory, or fire safety specialty organization acceptable to the Fire Chief and the owner. The Fire Chief is authorized to require design submittals to bear the Wet Stamp and Signature of a professional engineer.