DATE: May 18, 2022

TO: Pool Operators and Managers

FROM: Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Pool Operators Fire Prevention Code Permit Renewal Process

The Planning and Land Use System (PLUS) is the new platform implemented on February 1, 2022. PLUS allows customers to apply for permits, track the status of their application, update information, upload documents, pay fees, and request inspections. If you have not yet created an account, you can create one through the PLUS Portal.

For assistance with this process, contact the Revenue and Records Branch or by phone at 703-246-4803.

The Office of the Fire Marshal has listed the two most overlooked Fire Prevention Code Permit applications that need to be completed before pool openings will be deemed fully operational.

The Fire Prevention Code of Fairfax County in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), requires all public pools, commercial or private, to obtain a Fire Prevention Code Permit (FPCP) for the handling or dispensing of hazardous materials. This permit includes a site inspection of the chemical storage and dispensing areas and a safety inspection of the pool area and pool house.

The Fire Prevention Code of Fairfax County, Chapter 62, in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), requires public pools—if utilizing Liquefied Petroleum (LP) gas—obtain a permit for the storage and use of LP-gas in excess of 10 gallons. There are two permit classifications in reference to LP-gas:

a. #85, Code Reference 108.1.1, LP-gas: storage and use outside, portable installation in excess of 10 gallons (i.e., one day community party or birthday party, etc.)

b. #86, Code Reference 108.1.1, LP-gas: Storage and use outside, stationary installation, in excess of 10 gallons (i.e., continuous usage for outdoor grill/barbeque, etc.)
After permit fees are paid, contact 703-246-4849 to schedule your permit inspection. The onsite contact must be knowledgeable about the items and areas being inspected at time of inspection. **Inspection(s) must be scheduled and completed by July 22, 2022.**

Sincerely,

Battalion Chief Ken Dobbs, Jr.
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