

	<b>Marijuana and/or Hemp Establishments or Businesses</b>		<b>510-905</b>
	<b>AUTHORED BY:</b> Life Safety Chief Ty Drage		<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 10/01/2017
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This policy is meant to provide basic information for most common conditions and situations. In any given occupancy, all other Fire Code requirements will be enforced. If a specific Front Range Fire Rescue policy does not exist, then the appropriate policy/procedure from the Denver Fire Department will be used as a guiding document to determine appropriate code requirements. Any costs associated with compliance with any and all fire code interpretations are the responsibility of the applicant.

Owners and operators, along with their employees, agents, and assigns, assume all risks arising from or related to the operation or maintenance of a marijuana and/or hemp facility. Front Range Fire Rescue assumes no liability for any such operation or maintenance through the adoption and enforcement of this policy.

**Scope:**

This policy shall apply to all marijuana- and hemp-related establishments or businesses within the Front Range Fire Rescue response area including, but not limited to, retail sales, medical sales, infused product operations, cultivation, extraction, and testing laboratories. Marijuana and hemp establishments or businesses involve unique operations which can create significant life and fire safety hazards. As such, all establishments or businesses engaging in these activities shall be required to obtain all applicable initial construction permits and all applicable annual operational permits from Front Range Fire Rescue and the municipality within which the establishment or business is located.

New and/or existing non-permitted/non-compliant marijuana- and/or hemp-related establishments or businesses may require construction permits or change of occupancy permits; this may include access control systems, electrical modifications, addition or deletion of walls, modification to mechanical systems (i.e., exhaust hood systems), modification of means of egress, etc. Refer to the Front Range Fire Rescue policy *Marijuana/Hemp Industry – Construction Permitting* for further information about the construction permitting process.

All marijuana- and hemp-related operations shall take place only in those buildings that are licensed by the municipality and Front Range Fire Rescue. Marijuana- and hemp-related operations are prohibited within any residential occupancy.

**Definitions:**

For the purposes of this policy, all marijuana related terms are defined per the State of Colorado Marijuana Code, 1 CCR 212. All hemp related terms are defined by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, 8 CCR 1203 and 35-61-101(7), CRS.

## Permits:

Upon written plan approval by Front Range Fire Rescue, annual operational permit(s) may be obtained by the operator of the establishment or business. Following are the most common annual operational permits that may be required as these establishments or businesses:

- Annual Marijuana/Hemp Establishment or Business (commercial occupancy)
- Annual LPG Use & Storage – required for one (1) pound or more of propane or butane (i.e., extraction processes)
- Annual Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Enrichment System – required for any system containing 100 pounds or more of CO<sub>2</sub>, also includes natural gas generators
- Annual Compressed Gas Use & Storage
- Annual Fumigation / Thermal Insecticide Fogging
- Annual Extraction Process
- Annual Flammable/Combustible Liquids Use & Storage

## Occupancy Specific Requirements:

### 1. Building Security and Exiting

- Exit access as required by adopted International Fire Code shall be provided and maintained at all times
- Enhanced building security measures shall by no means impede egress for the facility occupants or firefighters
- Fire department key access (e.g., Knox Box) shall be provided near the main entrance to the facility and may be required on the rear of the building, based on requirements from Front Range Fire Rescue
- Locking hardware on doors (interior and exterior) shall be in compliance with adopted International Building Code
- Aisles with a clear width of no less than 36 inches shall be maintained through all grow rooms and all other areas within the facility

### 2. Fire Extinguishers

- Portable fire extinguishers shall be located so that travel distance from any area in the building to a fire extinguisher is greater than 75 feet
- Minimum size of a portable fire extinguisher is 2:A,10-B:C
- Fire extinguishers shall be properly mounted, clearly visible and readily accessible
- Fire extinguishers shall be inspected and serviced annually by a licensed contractor

### 3. Graphic Map

- A graphic map no less than 11 inches by 17 inches shall be posted near the main entrance to display the current and accurate building floor plan. The map shall be protected from damage.

#### **4. Building Construction and Interior Finish**

- Plastic films shall not be hung from ceilings to create walls, area separations, ceilings or rooms.
- Where plastic films are applied to walls or ceilings as an interior finish material, the installation shall comply with Chapter 8 of the adopted International Building Code. A construction permit from the municipal Building Department may be required.

#### **5. Building Identification**

- Address numbers shall be posted on the street side of the building so that they are clearly visible from the street. Numbers shall be no less than six (6) inches in height, with a minimum 0.75 stroke width, and shall be of contrasting color with the building.
- Building addressing may be required on other sides of the building, depending on building orientation, as determined by the Fire Code Official.

#### **6. Electricity**

- Extension cords, power strips, multi-outlet assemblies, etc. are prohibited from being used as permanent wiring.
- All modifications to the building's electrical service may require review, approval and permitting from the municipal Building Department. Installation of new permanent wiring shall require an electrical permit.
- Electric panel load schedules from an engineered electrical permit drawing shall be displayed on each electric panel.
- Emergency generators may only be operated after first obtaining a permit from the municipal Building Department and Front Range Fire Rescue.

#### **7. Hazardous Materials/Conditions/Processes**

- All hazardous materials shall be properly stored, used and labeled in accordance with manufacturer and product labeling requirements.
- Fumigation, pesticides, fungicides and miticides shall not be used or stored without prior written approval from the Fire Code Official. Approval may only be granted after proper submittal of a Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement and issuance of an annual operational permit.
- Extraction processes shall not be performed or conducted in any room, space or area unless solvents and equipment have been reviewed and approved by the Denver Fire Department and have been permitted by Front Range Fire Rescue.

### **Site Inspection:**

Upon approval of submitted application materials, Front Range Fire Rescue shall conduct a field inspection of the proposed site, building or location. Additional inspections by other entities may be required if it is determined that FRFR personnel require additional assistance. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with third party inspections.

Compliance with all adopted Building and Fire Codes shall be maintained at all times.

All issued permits shall remain on site and shall be readily available for inspection at all times.

All issued permits are only valid for the listed owner/operator, time frame, and site address as indicated on the permit.

By accepting a permit, the owner/operator acknowledges that Front Range Fire Rescue and its agents are expressly authorized to conduct fire safety inspections at any time and that the owner/operator and business employees shall not prohibit or interfere with inspection of any portion of the building or property.

A permit may be revoked when:

1. Any of the conditions or limitations established in the permit have been violated,
2. Compliance with written orders has not been achieved,
3. False statements or misrepresentations of information are provided in the permit application or associated documentation,
4. Any owner/operator or business employee or volunteer interferes with or refuses to allow fire safety inspection of any portion of the building or property,
5. It is determined that a permit was issued in error or in violation of any municipal ordinance/regulation, fire department policy, or state law/rule/order,
6. The required annual operational permit fee(s) are not paid within 30 days of permit issue.

### **Notice:**

Any and all occupancies discovered to be operating as marijuana- and/or hemp-related establishments or businesses, including, but not limited to, retail sales, medical sales, infused product operations, cultivation, extraction, and testing laboratories not in compliance with all requirements of Front Range Fire Rescue and the requirements in this policy may result in the issuance of a "Stop Work Order" and additional penalties to all involved parties, to the maximum extent allowed by law.

### **Revision History:**

08/03/2017 Original documented developed

### **References:**

Denver Fire Department – Marijuana Establishments or Businesses

# FRONT RANGE FIRE RESCUE

## MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT OR BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT OR BUSINESS (check all that apply)

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Marijuana Store               | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Marijuana Center                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Marijuana Cultivation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Marijuana Optional Premise Cultivation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Marijuana Product Manufacture | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Marijuana Infused Product Manufacture  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Marijuana Testing Facility    | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Marijuana Testing Facility             |

### OTHER PROCESSES PERFORMED ON SITE (check all that apply – additional applications required)

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Extraction              | <input type="checkbox"/> CO2 Enrichment System(s)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compressed Gas Storage/Use    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fumigation/Thermal Insecticide Fogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flammable/Combustible Liquids | <input type="checkbox"/> LPG Storage/Use                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfilling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Inventory Review   |

### APPLICANT ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the policies of Front Range Fire Rescue regarding marijuana establishments or businesses. By my signature below, I acknowledge understanding that a site inspection will be conducted by Front Range Fire Rescue personnel and that permits may be revoked without refund if any Fire Code or Building Code violations are discovered or if I do not comply with inspection processes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_