



# Bedford County Fire & Rescue

## Fire Marshal's Office



### BLASTING/EXPLOSIVES USE PERMIT APPLICATION

**ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PRINTED IN INK OR TYPEWRITTEN**

<b>1.</b> Name of Applicant ( <i>Full Name</i> ):	<b>2.</b> Applicant Phone #:
<b>3.</b> Applicant Email address:	<b>4.</b> Applicant Mobile Phone#:
<b>5.</b> Trade or Business Name:	<b>6.</b> Business Phone #:
<b>7.</b> Premises Address ( <i>No., Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):	<b>8.</b> Fax #:
<b>9.</b> Mailing Address ( <i>If different from address on Line 7</i> ):	<b>10.</b> FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number):
<b>11.</b> Physical address / location description of USE site:	<b>12.</b> GPS Coordinates:
<b>13.</b> "Designated Individual": (Full Name) <span style="float: right;">*See instructions for more information on designated individual.*</span>	
	Card number:
	(Photocopy of card is to be attached to this application.)

**14.** Explosives use for:  Construction  Demolition  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency or Special Operation (provide a justification description on separate document as an attachment)

**15.**  Fixed Site  Non-Fixed Site

**16.** The use of explosives under the permit being applied for will occur within the jurisdictional boundaries of:

County  Town (Locality name): \_\_\_\_\_

**17.** The planned explosives use start date and time: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**18.** The planned explosives use end date and time: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**19.** Include the following as an attachment to this application (Required):

- Plan (description) of explosives use to include a site diagram with hazards and distances indicated,
- Copy of valid Contractor License with classification of Blast/Explosive (BEC) from Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) – Board for Contractors,
- Copy of valid Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - ATF License(s) and Permit(s), and
- Copy of valid corporate surety bond or certificate of public liability insurance in the principle sum of \$1,000,000

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By my signature below, I certify that the answers provided on and as part of this application are true, correct, and complete. I also certify that I am familiar with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Commonwealth of Virginia and Federal laws relating to explosive materials.

I acknowledge that if a permit is issued it shall be valid only at the location listed on Lines 11 and 12 and for the period of 6-months at a non-fixed site; or 12-months at a fixed site.

I acknowledge responsibility for all inspection fees and agree to pay assessed fees.

I acknowledge that explosives use is not permitted during nights, weekends, state holidays, or any other times that state government is closed without prior approval.

I acknowledge that a permit is conditional upon continued compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Commonwealth of Virginia and Federal laws.

19. Signature of "designated individual" (*person listed on line 13*):

20. Date:



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### Application Instructions

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**Lines 1 & 2:** Self-explanatory.

**Line 3:** Provide an email address to receive timely communications from the SFMO.

**Lines 4 through 12:** Self-explanatory.

**Line 13:** A "designated individual" is defined as "a person in possession of a *Background Clearance Card* (BCC) issued by the Virginia SFMO, or a certified Virginia SFMO *Blaster*."

- ▶ **IMPORTANT:** In accordance with SFPC Section 5601.2.3.1, if the applicant's designated individual changes or becomes no longer qualified to represent the applicant, the applicant shall notify the Bedford County FMO on the change of status. The notice is to be made prior to the use of any explosives. The FMO may revoke or require the re-issuance of a permit based on a change of permit conditions or status or inability to provide another designated individual.

**Line 14:** Emergency or Special Operation - When the need to use explosives is justifiably considered an emergency condition, or for special operations, neither of which can wait for the normal application and review process, the requirement for a permit prior to use is waived. An application for Explosives USE Permit must be submitted within two business days after such use. Examples of emergency or special operations are:

1. Outside normal business hours, the use of explosives to facilitate the removal of rockslide debris from roadways, the installation of utility poles to restore power, etc
2. The removal or transportation of hazardous materials, including ordinance. The situation is of such nature that the removal or transportation of the material itself would expose the public to an unacceptable risk and the immediate disposal of the hazard materials by detonation in place is the most viable method.

**Line 15:** Fixed site is identified as a permanent location where explosives may be used on a periodic or continuous basis. Non-fixed site is a temporary location where explosives are used for a specific project or to accomplish a specific defined objective (e.g. construction, roadway project).

**Lines 16 through 20:** Self-explanatory.

**AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO RETURN WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING**



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*Bedford Code : Chapter 8 – Article III – Division 4 – Section 8-69. Fees.*

<b>General Permit Fees</b>	
General Permit Fee	\$100 / Annual Permit
Permit renewal prior to expiration	\$50
<b>Specialty Permits</b>	
Explosives, ammunition, and blasting agents	\$250 per 12-month permit (6 inspections) \$100 per inspection over 6 inspections or outside of business hours *Same project renewal; no fee inspections*
Extremely hazardous substances (EHS)	\$400 Annual
Fireworks	\$400 per Aerial display \$250 per retail/wholesale sales
Hazardous materials	\$400 Annual
Tent event	\$200 up to 20 tents
Bulk Tent Facility (Already in place; moving from building officials fee schedule)	\$300 Annual
<b>Routine Fire Prevention Inspections (Business Inspections)</b>	
Initial Inspection	Free
Follow-up inspection	Free
All additional inspections after the initial and follow-up	\$75 per visit
<b>Plans Review</b>	
General plans review	Free
Automatic fire sprinkler system	\$100
Fire alarm system	\$100
Commercial kitchen hood suppression system	\$100
<b>Compliance Inspections</b>	
Wet/Dry system- 5 more heads: Visual, hydro. Flush, air, trip, final	\$100



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Hood systems	\$100
Underground main – Visual, hydro, flow	\$100
Tank removal / instillation	\$100
Fire pump - Test	\$100
Clean agent system / other - Test	\$100
Fire alarm system – Test, battery test, final	\$100
Standpipe – Visual, hydro, flow	\$100
Cancellation fee – if less than 2 hours prior to scheduled time	\$50 each
Additional inspection for previously failed systems	\$50 each
<b>False Alarms</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> false alarm annually (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> )	Free
2 <sup>nd</sup> false alarm annually	Free
3 <sup>rd</sup> false alarm annually	Free
4 <sup>th</sup> false alarm annually	\$50
5 <sup>th</sup> false alarm	\$75
6 + false alarms	\$100 each



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Other fees	
Firewatch (If provided by FMO)	\$60 per hour during normal business hours \$90 per hour for all other times (night, weekends, holidays)