

17 April 2024

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, TITLE XV  
“LAND USAGE”, CHAPTER 154, “BUILDING REGULATIONS; CONSTRUCTION.

**Section 1 Authority.**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-148 (c)(7)(H)(ii), 7-148(c)(7)(H)(iv) and 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xi), and NFPA 51B.

**Section 2 Amendments to Code of Ordinances.**

The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Washington, Chapter 154, “Building Regulations; Construction” is amended as follows:

**Section 154.10 HOT WORK PERMIT REQUIRED**

- (a) Definitions---For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) **Hot Work:** Work involving burning, welding or a similar operation that is capable of initiating fires or explosions. This work includes, but is not limited to, welding, brazing, cutting, grinding, soldering, tawing pipe, torch-applied roofing, or chemical welding.
  - (2) **Management:** For the purpose of hot work, all persons, including owners, contractors, educators, or designated agents who are responsible for hot work operations.
  - (3) **Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ):** Washington Fire Marshal’s Office.
  - (4) **Permit:** A document issued by the AHJ for the purpose of authorizing performance of a specified activity.
  - (5) **Permit Authorizing Individual (PAI):** For the purpose of this ordinance, the individual designated by management to request a hot work permit from the Town of Washington and supervise all hot work operations.
- (b) All Contractors, sub-contractors, roofers, electricians, welders or individuals who plan to utilize hot work operations within the geographical limits of The Town of Washington shall obtain a permit from the Washington Fire Marshal’s office prior to operating. It shall be unlawful to perform any hot work without such permit. The license fee shall be \$30 and shall be valid until Friday at 13:00hrs. of the week of issuance. The Fire Marshal’s Office, in their sole discretion, may set a longer or shorter duration based on the circumstances presented in the application. An applicant who is denied a permit by the Fire Marshal’s Office may not appeal such denial; the decision of the Fire Marshal’s Office is final.
- (c) The application for a permit shall require a copy of the applicant’s contractor license or registration number and class, as well as proof of liability insurance.
- (d) Management shall designate an agent who shall be responsible for the safe operations of all hot work activity. Such town permit shall authorize and/or require management to designate an onsite permit authorizing individual (PAI) at the discretion of and suitable to the Fire Marshal, and that PAI shall then assume responsibility for all site-specific hot work activities in accordance with the applicable edition of NFPA 51B Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and other Hot Work. **All PAIs and persons performing hot work in the Town of**

**Washington must have an NFPA Hot Work Safety Certification on their person while performing their duties.**

- (e) A violation of this Ordinance shall result in a fine of \$250 for the first offense. A second offense will result in a fine of \$500 and the Town of Washington may pursue any remedy at law or in equity to ensure compliance with this ordinance, including but not limited to, injunction against anyone violating this ordinance.
- (f) The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

**Sections 154.11 \_\_\_\_\_ 154.15 remain "Reserved"**

**Section 3 Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-157(b)

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Marshal

Town of Washington