



DPS

**Montgomery County
Department of Permitting Services**

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LICENSE APPLICATION FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER TECHNICIAN

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Application
☐ Renewal – License No.: _____
☐ Transfer to a New Employer

For faster service, click [here](#) to submit your application online. All fees must be paid online.

See the Fee Schedule for total due with this application.

Individual will: ☒ Service Portable Fire Extinguishers

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN 10 DAYS –
FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION**

Employer Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Technicians must be certified. Select one of the following and attach certification (see affidavit for certification details):

☐ Certification ☐ Factory Certification ☐ Licensure by another jurisdiction

FOR FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE USE ONLY

Date Approved: _____ Reason if Disapproved: _____

License Number: _____ Renewal Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

AFFIDAVIT

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHER TECHNICIAN APPLICANTS

(A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **LICENSES/MISCELLANEOUS:** A license issued by Montgomery County is required to service portable fire extinguishers. The term “service” includes any or all of the following: charging, filling, maintaining, recharging, repairing, and hydrostatic testing.
 - a. Each firm engaged in the business of servicing portable fire extinguishers shall be required to have a corporate license. “Firm” means any person, partnership, corporation or association.
 - b. Each person who is an employee or agent, other than an apprentice, of a firm engaged in the business of servicing portable fire extinguishers, who services such extinguishers, shall be required to have an individual license.
 - c. Each person servicing portable fire extinguishers as an apprentice shall be required to have an apprentice permit. Persons training to become certified shall be permitted to perform maintenance and recharging of extinguishers under direct supervision and in the immediate presence of a licensed person.
 - d. All service and hydrostatic testing shall be performed in compliance with Montgomery County Fire Code Chapter 22, NFPA 1, and NFPA 10 as adopted with amendments.
 - e. Licenses will expire two (2) years after the date of issuance.
2. **PENALTIES:**

A license may be revoked or suspended for any of the following:

 - Violations of code
 - False statements or misrepresentation on the license application
 - Work performed in an unsafe manner
 - Failure to abide by this signed affidavit
 - Failure to notify DPS of a change of address within ten (10) business days

(B) SERVICE TECHNICIAN PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

1. Persons performing maintenance and recharging of extinguishers must be certified. Beginning March 1, 2019, all applicants must meet one of the following:
 - a) Factory training and certification for the specific type and brand of portable extinguisher being serviced.
 - b) Certification by an organization acceptable to the AHJ.
 - c) Registration, licensure, or certification by a state or local AHJ for the servicing of portable extinguishers.
2. Persons performing inspections are not be required to be certified.
3. Licensees performing maintenance and recharging of extinguishers must be trained and must have available the appropriate manufacturer’s servicing manual(s), the correct tools, recharge materials, lubricants, and manufacturer’s replacement parts or parts specifically listed for use in the fire extinguisher.

(C) CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ

1. Evidence of certification must be provided with new and renewal applications for licensure.

2. Fire extinguisher certification requires that a candidate pass an exam which, at a minimum, is based upon knowledge of the chapters and annexes of NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*. Certification must be from a nationally recognized organization, such as the International Code Council (ICC). Note: Study courses and programs are available and may provide similar examinations. Certifications from organizations that are not nationally recognized and acceptable to the AHJ will not be adequate for licensure.

(D) EXTINGUISHER DOCUMENTATION

1. Each fire extinguisher shall have a tag or label securely attached that indicates that maintenance was performed.
2. The tag or label, as a minimum, shall identify the following:
 - a. Month and year maintenance was performed
 - b. Person performing the work
 - c. Name of the agency performing the work

(E) SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

1. When maintenance or internal examination of any fire extinguisher reveals a deficiency, immediate corrective action shall be taken.
2. Every six years, stored-pressure fire extinguishers that require a 12-year hydrostatic test shall be emptied and subjected to the applicable internal and external examination procedures as detailed in the manufacturer's service manual and NFPA 10.
3. Non-rechargeable fire extinguishers shall not be required to have a 6-year internal examination and shall not be hydrostatically tested but shall be removed from service at a maximum interval of 12 years from the date of manufacture.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have the authority to make this application on behalf of the company, business, or organization referenced within. I further certify that I have a clear understanding of, and will adhere to, all instructions and requirements set forth in this document.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____