

- ii. Height of building in which use is located;
- iii. Location of use in building;
- iv. Floor area of use;
- v. Capacity when the use is public assembly; and
- vi. Description of processes carried out or material stored when it is processed or storage which causes the use to be subject to registration.

5. Where the owner of the use and the owner of the building in which it is located are not the same then the application shall include the same information for the owner of the building as is herein required for the owner of the use.

(c) Upon receipt of the application, and the required registration fee, the Commissioner shall forthwith issue to the owner of the life hazard use a certificate of registration, which shall be posted by the owner of the use in a conspicuous location therein but only upon subsequent receipt of a certificate of inspection. The certificate of registration shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Commissioner.

(d) Where more than one life hazard use exists at a given building or premises or where one or more life hazard uses occur within a high rise building or other life hazard use such as a night club within a hotel, then each such life hazard use shall be separate and distinct and shall be registered separately.

(e) When applying for registration, the owner of each life hazard use shall appoint an agent for the purpose of receiving service of process and orders or notices issued by the Commissioner or a local enforcing agency pursuant to the Act and designate the street address of the location at which such agent may be served. Each agent shall be either a resident of this State or a person who maintains a bona fide office in this State or shall be a corporation licensed to do business in this State.

(f) If the ownership of a life hazard use is transferred, whether by sale, assignment, gift, intestate succession, testate devolution, reorganization, receivership, foreclosure or execution process, the new owner shall file with the Commissioner, within 30 days of the transfer, an application for a certificate of registration, and appoint an agent for the service of process, pursuant to this section.

(g) If an owner of a life hazard use has not fulfilled the requirements of this Section, the Commissioner shall notify the owner in writing that he is in violation of this Section and shall order that registration be accomplished within 30 days. The notice and order shall include an accurate restatement of the subsection with which the owner has not complied.

1. If the owner has not complied with the order of the Commissioner within 30 days of the date on which it was mailed, the Commissioner shall order him to pay \$500.00

for each registration. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-201, the Commissioner may issue a certificate to the clerk of the Superior Court stating that the owner is indebted for the payment of the penalty and the clerk shall immediately enter upon his record of docketed judgments the name of the owner and of the Department, a designation of the statute under which the penalty is imposed, the amount of the penalty certified and the date the certification was made. The making of the entry shall have the same effect as the entry of the docketed judgment in the office of the clerk but without prejudice to the owner's right of appeal.

(h) The owner of each life hazard use in the State shall pay to the Department an annual fee in the amount specified in this subchapter. The owner shall pay the annual fee within 30 days of the bill date. If the owner fails to do so, the Department may, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-201, issue a certificate to the clerk of the Superior Court stating that the owner is indebted to the Department for the payment of the annual fee and the clerk shall immediately enter upon his record of docketed judgments the name of the owner and of the Department, a designation of the statute under which the fee is assessed, the amount of the fee certified and the date the certification was made. The making of the entry shall have the same effect as the entry of a docketed judgment in the office of the clerk, but without prejudice to the owner's right of appeal. The owner shall also be subject to a penalty in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.12(b)8ii.

1. Upon application by a local enforcing agency and approval by the Division, the certificate obtained pursuant to this subsection shall be assigned to the local enforcing agency in which the life hazard use is located. The local enforcing agency shall pursue collection and forward any fees collected to the Division in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18A-2.6(a)4.

Amended by R.1987 d.508, effective December 7, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1680(a), 19 N.J.R. 2266(a).

Added (a)1 and deleted text from (d) "However where more ..." Administrative Correction to (i).

See: 21 N.J.R. 3085(a).

Amended by R.1992 d.104, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3552(a), 24 N.J.R. 739(a).

Text at (h)1 deleted; text at (i)1 added.

Amended by R.1993 d.628, effective December 6, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4363(a), 25 N.J.R. 5466(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

5:18-2.7 Permits required

(a) Permits shall be required and obtained from the local enforcing agency for the activities specified in this section, except where they are an integral part of a process by reason of which a use is required to be registered and regulated as a life hazard use. Permits shall at all times be kept in the premises designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the fire official.

1. Type 4 permits shall not be required when the storage or activity is incidental or auxiliary to the agricultural use of a farm property.

2. In a public or private K-12 educational building registered as a life hazard use, no permit shall be required for activities which are consistent with the designed and intended use of the building or part thereof.

3. Type 1 permit:

- i. Bonfires;
- ii. The use of a torch or flame-producing device to remove paint from, or seal membrane roofs on, any building or structure;
- iii. Tents and temporary tensioned membrane structures without appurtenances, such as platforms and special electrical equipment, which exceed 900 square feet or 30 feet in any dimension (excluding canopies), whether single or made up of multiple smaller units when used for purposes which would constitute a life hazard use if found in a building;
- iv. Individual portable kiosks or displays when erected in a covered mall for a period of less than 90 days, and when not covered by a Type 2 permit;
- v. The use of any open flame or flame-producing device, in connection with any public gathering, for purposes of entertainment, amusement, or recreation;
- vi. Welding or cutting operations except where the welding or cutting is performed in areas approved for welding by the fire official and is registered as a type B life hazard use;
- vii. The possession or use of explosives or blasting agents, other than model rocketry engines regulated under N.J.A.C. 12:194;
- viii. Helistops; or
- ix. The occasional use in any building of a multipurpose room, with a maximum permitted occupancy of 100 or more for amusement, entertainment or mercantile type purposes.
- x. The storage or handling of class I flammable liquids in closed containers of aggregate amounts of more than 10 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons inside a building, or more than 60 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons outside a building.
- xi. The storage or handling of class II or IIIA combustible liquids in closed containers of aggregate amounts of more than 25 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons inside a building, or more than 60 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons outside a building.
- xii. Any permanent cooking operation that requires a suppression system in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.7(g) and is not defined as a life hazard use in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.4.

4. Type 2 permit:

- i. Bowling lane resurfacing and bowling pin refinishing involving the use and application of flammable liquids or materials;
- ii. Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging;
- iii. Carnivals and circuses employing mobile enclosed structures used for human occupancy;
- iv. The use of a covered mall in any of the following manners:
 - (1) Placing or constructing temporary kiosks, display booths, concession equipment or the like in more than 25 percent of the common area of the mall;
 - (2) Temporarily using the mall as a place of assembly;
 - (3) Using open flame or flame devices;
 - (4) Displaying liquid or gas fueled powered equipment; or
 - (5) Using liquified petroleum gas, liquified natural gas, and compressed flammable gas in containers exceeding five pound capacity.

5. Type 3 permit:

- i. Industrial processing ovens or furnaces operating at approximately atmospheric pressures and temperatures not exceeding 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit which are heated with oil or gas fuel or which contain flammable vapors from the product being processed;
- ii. Wrecking yards, junk yards, outdoor used tire storage, waste material handling plants, and outside storage of forest products not otherwise classified; or
- iii. The storage or discharging of fireworks.

6. Type 4 permit:

- i. Storage or use at normal temperature and pressure of more than 2,000 cubic feet of flammable compressed gas or 6,000 cubic feet of nonflammable compressed gas;
- ii. The production or sale of cryogenic liquids; the storage or use of more than 10 gallons of liquid oxygen, flammable cryogenic liquids or cryogenic oxidizers; or the storage of more than 500 gallons of nonflammable, non-toxic cryogenic liquids;
- iii. The storage, handling, and processing of flammable, combustible, and unstable liquids in closed containers and portable tanks in aggregate amounts of more than 660 gallons;
- iv. To store or handle (except medicines, beverages, foodstuffs, cosmetics, and other common consumer items, when packaged according to commonly accepted practices):

- (1) More than 55 gallons of corrosive liquids;
- (2) More than 500 pounds of oxidizing materials;
- (3) More than 10 pounds of organic peroxides;
- (4) More than 500 pounds of nitromethane;
- (5) More than 1,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate;
- (6) More than one microcurie of radium not contained in a sealed source;
- (7) More than one millicurie of radium or other radiation material in a sealed source or sources;
- (8) Any amount of radioactive material for which a specific license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required; or
- (9) More than 10 pounds of flammable solids.

v. The melting, casting, heat treating, machining or grinding of more than 10 pounds of magnesium per working day; or

vi. Heliports.

7. Type 5 permit:

i. Airports.

(b) Application for a permit required by this Code shall be made to the fire official in such form and detail as the fire official shall prescribe. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by plans or drawings as required by the fire official for evaluation of the application.

(c) Before a permit is issued, the fire official or the fire official's designated representative shall make or cause to be made such inspections or tests as necessary to assure that the use and activity for which application is made complies with the provisions of this Code.

(d) A permit shall constitute permission to maintain, store or handle materials, or to conduct processes which produce conditions hazardous to life or property, or to install equipment used in connection with such activities in accordance with the provisions of this Code. Such permissions shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel or set aside any of the provisions of this Code.

(e) Plans approved by the fire official are approved with the intent they comply in all respects to this Code. Any omission or error on the plans does not relieve the applicant of complying with all applicable requirements of this Code.

(f) The fire official may revoke a permit or approval issued under the provisions of this Code if upon inspection any violation of the Code exists, or if conditions of a permit have been violated, or if there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to material fact in the application, data or plans on which the permit or approval was based.

(g) A permit shall remain in effect until revoked, or for one year unless a shorter period of time is otherwise specified. Permits are not transferable and any change in use, operation or tenancy shall require a new permit.

1. Exception: A type 1 permit for welding or cutting shall be effective throughout the local enforcing agency's jurisdiction and shall be issued on an annual basis.

(h) Any permit issued shall become invalid if the authorized work or activity is not commenced within six months after issuance of the permit, or if the authorized work or activity is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time of commencement.

(i) A permit shall not be issued until the designated fees have been paid.

1. There shall be no fee for a permit required by this subchapter if a municipality has by ordinance established a periodic inspection and fee schedule for a use substantially similar to the permit requirement.

(j) No permit(s) shall be issued for a carnival, as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.5, if the carnival has not been registered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.21.

Amended by R.1985 d.611, effective December 2, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1015(b), 17 N.J.R. 2870(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1987 d.247, effective June 15, 1987.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1225(a), 19 N.J.R. 1078(a).

Deleted the word "fireworks" from (b)2vii.

See correction notice in July 20, 1987 Register.

Administrative Correction to (e).

See: 21 N.J.R. 3085(a).

Amended by R.1989 d.556, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2431(a), 21 N.J.R. 3453(a).

Added new 2 under (b) and renumbered existing 2-6 as 3-7.

Amended by R.1990 d.325, effective July 2, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1654(a), 22 N.J.R. 2001(a).

Text at (b)2iii amended to decrease tent area to 900 square feet; text at (b)3iii deleted.

Amended by R.1991 d.504, effective October 7, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2234(a), 23 N.J.R. 2999(a).

Text deleted at (b)5ii and 6v.

Amended by R.1992 d.385, effective October 5, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2654(a), 24 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Text added at (b)3x and xi, 5ii, 6iii; deleted at 6v.

Amended by R.1993 d.197, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 393(a), 25 N.J.R. 1868(a).

Permit required for cooking operations using a fire suppression system, if not already registered; fee for fire official allowed, if not already provided for.

Amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

Amended by R.1995 d.59, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4249(a), 27 N.J.R. 891(a).

Administrative correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2886(b).

5:18-2.8 (Reserved)

Case Notes

Life hazard use registration fee could properly be imposed on church school. *New Life Gospel Church v. State*, Dept. of Community Affairs, Div. of Housing Bureau of Fire Safety, 257 N.J.Super. 241, 608 A.2d 397 (A.D.1992), certification denied 133 N.J. 429, 627 A.2d 1136.

5:18-2.9 Fees: registration; certificate of smoke detector compliance; permit; carnival registration certificate

(a) The annual registration fee for life hazard uses shall be as follows:

1. Type Aa—\$70.00 per year;
2. Type Ab—\$103.00 per year;
3. Type Ac—\$110.00 per year;
4. Type Ad—\$123.00 per year;
5. Type Ae—\$138.00 per year;
6. Type Af—\$166.00 per year;
7. Type Ag—\$208.00 per year;
8. Type Ah—\$248.00 per year;
9. Type Ai—\$331.00 per year;
10. Type Aj—\$414.00 per year;
11. Type Ba—\$110.00 per year;
12. Type Bb—\$208.00 per year;
13. Type Bc—\$331.00 per year;
14. Type Bd—\$414.00 per year;
15. Type Be—\$484.00 per year;
16. Type Bf—\$622.00 per year;
17. Type Bg—\$662.00 per year;
18. Type Bh—\$828.00 per year;
19. Type Bi—\$997.00 per year;
20. Type Bj—\$1,036.00 per year;
21. Type Bk—\$1,242.00 per year;
22. Type Bl—\$1,450.00 per year;
23. Type Bm—\$1,656.00 per year;
24. Type Bn—\$2,070.00 per year;
25. Type Bo—\$2,484.00 per year;
26. Type Ca—\$828.00 per year;
27. Type Cb—\$994.00 per year;
28. Type Cc—\$1,076.00 per year;
29. Type Cd—\$1,159.00 per year;
30. Type Ce—\$1,325.00 per year;
31. Type Cf—\$1,450.00 per year;
32. Type Cg—\$1,656.00 per year;
33. Type Ch—\$2,080.00 per year;
34. Type Ci—\$2,500.00 per year;
35. Type Da—\$1,650.00 per year;

36. Type Db—\$2,500.00 per year;

37. Type Dc—\$3,250.00 per year.

(b) Where more than one life hazard use exists under one ownership at a given location, the highest life hazard use shall be registered at full fee and subsequent life hazard uses at one-half the scheduled fee; provided, however, that no public or private K-12 educational building shall pay more than one \$138.00 life hazard use registration fee, regardless of the number or type of life hazard uses contained within the building.

1. Each life hazard use that is separately owned shall be registered at full fee.

(c) The application fee for a permit shall be as follows:

1. Type 1—\$35.00;

2. Type 2—\$138.00;

3. Type 3—\$276.00;

4. Type 4—\$414.00;

i. Exception: There shall be no fee for Type 4 permits for storage or activity at a premises registered as a life hazard use in accordance with this subchapter.

5. Type 5—\$1,380.00.

(d) The application fee for a certificate of smoke detector compliance, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.3, shall be \$20.00.

(e) The application fee for a carnival registration certificate shall be as follows:

1. For 10 or fewer locations: \$50.00;

2. For 11 to 25 locations: \$75.00;

3. For 26 or more locations: \$100.00.

(f) A municipality having a local enforcing agency may establish by ordinance a different permit and certificate of smoke detector compliance fee schedule based on the actual cost anticipated or incurred for the enforcement of these Code provisions.

Amended by R.1985 d.611, effective December 2, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1015(b), 17 N.J.R. 2870(a).

Deleted "not in excess of fees in Schedule (b) above".

Amended by R.1987 d.508, effective December 7, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1680(a), 19 N.J.R. 2266(a).

Added (a)5 through (a)33.

Emergency amendment, R.1989 d.404, effective July 3, 1989 (expires September 1, 1989).

See: 21 N.J.R. 2126(a), 21 N.J.R. 2402(a).

Increased life hazard use registration fees and permit fees by approximately 15 percent.

Fee increases in (a) and (c).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1989 d.513, effective September 1, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2126(a), 21 N.J.R. 2402(a), 21 N.J.R. 3084(a).

Provisions of emergency amendment, R.1989 d.404 readopted without change.

Amended by R.1989 d.556, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2431(a), 21 N.J.R. 3453(a).

Established limit of no more than 1 \$115.00 fee for K-12 educational building, at (b).

Amended by R.1991 d.504, effective October 7, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2234(a), 23 N.J.R. 2999(a).

Fees increased.

Amended by R.1991 d.530, effective November 4, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2234(a), 23 N.J.R. 2453(a), 23 N.J.R. 3325(a).

Added (a)33.

Amended by R.1992 d.11, effective January 6, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3064(a), 24 N.J.R. 88(a).

Application fee added at (d).

Amended by R.1992 d.385, effective October 5, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2654(a), 24 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Exception to Type 4 permit requirements added at (c)4i.

Recodified from 5:18-2.8 and amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

Amended by R.1995 d.59, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4249(a), 27 N.J.R. 891(a).

5:18-2.10 Enforcement procedures

(a) Whenever the fire official or the fire inspector observes a violation of a provision of this Code or locally adopted amendments the fire official shall prepare and serve on the owner a written notice of violation identifying the condition which is in violation, including the location, the appropriate Code section, and specifying time limits for the required repairs or improvements to be made. The notice shall contain or be accompanied by a written statement of the owner's right to appeal as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.19.

(b) Time periods allowed for abatement of violations of this Code shall be as follows:

1. For any violation of N.J.A.C. 5:18-3, the fire official shall allow a minimum of 15 days.

i. The fire official may specify a time period of not less than three days where there is a dangerous condition that is liable to cause or contribute to the spread of fire or endanger the occupants.

2. For any violation of N.J.A.C. 5:18-4, the fire official shall allow a minimum of 30 days for abatement or the submission of a request for an extension, in accordance with (d) below.

(c) These time limits shall not apply to violations constituting an imminent hazard in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.16 or to the revocation of permits in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.7(f).

(d) The fire official may grant extensions of time whenever he shall determine that despite diligent effort compliance cannot be accomplished within the time specified in the notice.

1. No extension shall be granted unless it is requested in writing by the owner. A request for extension shall set forth the work which has been accomplished, the work that remains, the reason why an extension is necessary and the date by which the work will be completed.

2. An application for an extension shall be deemed to be an admission that the notice of violation is factually and procedurally correct and that the violations do or did exist.

i. An owner who inquires concerning an extension shall be informed of the provisions of (d)2 above.

ii. If the local enforcing agency provides forms for an application for extension, the provisions of (d)2 above shall be prominently printed on them.

(e) If the notice of violation is not complied with within the time specified by the fire official, the fire official shall institute the appropriate enforcement proceedings to restrain, correct or abate such violation or to require removal or termination of the unlawful use of the building or structure in violation of the provisions of this Code or of any order or direction made pursuant thereto.

(f) If the fire official determines that the Code cannot be adequately or safely enforced without police support, he or she shall request the police to provide assistance. If no assistance is forthcoming, he or she shall pursue formal action to address the situation and shall not use physical force.

(g) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Code or failing to comply with any order issued pursuant to any section thereof, shall be subject to the penalties provided in N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.12. The imposition of penalties shall not prevent the fire official from instituting appropriate action to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a building, structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, business or use in or about any premises.

Amended by R.1992 d.104, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3552(a), 24 N.J.R. 739(a).

Text at (a)1-10 deleted; reference to N.J.A.C. 5:18-3 added.

Amended by R.1993 d.195, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 397(a), 25 N.J.R. 1872(a).

Old (d)1 deleted; new (d)1 and 2 added; authorized representative to follow required procedures.

Recodified from 5:18-2.9 and amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

Administrative correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2886(b).

Case Notes

Failure to present sufficient evidence that building was in compliance with sub-codes in force at the time of its construction. No. 1 Chinese Kitchen v. Fire Safety Bureau, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (CAF) 91.

5:18-2.11 Service of notice and orders

(a) Notice, rules, decisions and orders issued and served pursuant to the Act shall be effective if served by any one of the methods set forth below:

1. By personal delivery; or

2. By leaving the document at the addressee's office or dwelling unit with a person 14 years of age or older; or

3. By certified mail return receipt requested to the person's last known address; however, if the document is returned as "refused" or "unclaimed" with no indication of a change of address, service may be made by ordinary mail to the same address; or

4. If on an owner, by serving the document on the Secretary of State, who shall be deemed the owner's agent for service of process; if:

i. A certified mailing was returned; and

ii. A copy of the document is posted in a conspicuous location on the premises, which location shall include the walls in a front vestibule, common foyer or hallway near the inside main front entrance.

(b) The date of personal service or the third day after mailing shall be considered the date of service.

(c) A copy of any notice or order served upon the owner of a State-leased or owned property shall be sent to the Director of Property and Facilities Management, Department of Treasury.

Recodified from 5:18-2.10 and amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

5:18-2.12 Penalties

(a) The Commissioner or a local enforcing agency may assess, levy and collect penalties to ensure compliance with the Code. No penalty shall be imposed except upon issuance of a written order requiring abatement and the allowance of a reasonable specified period in which to comply, unless clear notice of the violation otherwise exists.

(b) The maximum penalty for any act or omission in violation of the act or code but not enumerated in this subsection is \$5,000 per violation per day. Except as specified below, a violation of N.J.A.C. 5:18-3 or 4 shall subject a violator to a maximum penalty of \$500.00 per violation, per day. Specific violations shall subject violators to penalties as follows:

1. Imminent hazard—punitive closure:

i. Failure to obey an imminent hazard order—a maximum of \$5,000 per day for each day that the failure continues.

ii. Failure to obey an order to close for fixed period of time issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.17—a maximum of \$5,000 per day for each day that the failure continues.

2. Egress:

i. Blocking, locking, or obstructing required exits in a place of public assembly or education—a maximum of \$5,000 per occurrence;

ii. Blocking, locking, or obstructing required exits in any other place—a maximum of \$2,500 per occurrence.

3. Occupancy:

i. Exceeding the maximum permitted occupancy in a place of public assembly or education;

(1) For the first offense—a maximum of \$2,500;

(2) For a subsequent offense—a maximum of \$5,000;

ii. Exceeding the maximum permitted occupancy in any other place;

(1) For the first offense—a maximum of \$500.00;

(2) For a subsequent offense—a maximum of \$2,500.

4. Fire protection equipment:

i. Failure to install a required suppression or detection device after having been given written notice of the requirement to do so:

(1) In a place of public assembly or education—a maximum of \$2,500 per violation per day;

(2) In any other place—a maximum of \$1,000 per violation per day.

ii. Disabling or decreasing the effectiveness of any fire suppression or alarm device or system.

(1) In a place of public assembly or education—a maximum of \$5,000 per occurrence;

(2) In any other place—a maximum of \$1,000 per occurrence.

5. Failure to comply with a lawful action:

i. A negligent or inadvertent failure to comply with a lawful order, ruling, notice or other action of the Commissioner or a local enforcing agency—a maximum of \$2,000 per occurrence.

ii. A refusal or deliberate failure to comply with a lawful order, ruling, notice or other action of the Commissioner or a local enforcing agency—a maximum of \$5,000 per occurrence.

6. Obstruction:

i. Anyone who obstructs, hinders, delays or interferes by force or otherwise with the Commissioner or any member of a local enforcing agency in the exercise of any power or the discharge of any function or duty under the provisions of this Code—a maximum of \$2,500 per occurrence.

7. Permits: