



COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT		
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD		
STANDARD TITLE:	EXPIRED CONSTRUCTION PERMITS	
STANDARD NUMBER: 401.010	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 December 2021	REVISION DATE: 1 December 2021

SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Coalinga Fire Department’s (CFD or Department) requirements for expired permits. This policy applies to all permits issued by the Coalinga Fire Department.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to provide direction for the requirements related for the CFD requirements related to CFD construction permits that have been issued and are now expired.

BACKGROUND

As noted in California Fire Code (CFC), construction permits shall automatically expire after 180 days after issuance. The fire code official also has the authority to formulate policies they deem necessary based upon local conditions related to permit issuance.

REQUIREMENTS

Based upon the need for uniformity in application across the Department’s diverse service delivery areas, and after careful deliberation, the Department has determined the following:

1. The expiration date of an CFD issued permit shall be determined based on the date of an approved (i.e., compliant) inspection completed by sworn CFD personnel. An approved inspection shall validate that work is continuing towards completion and will move the expiration date to 180 days from the date of the approved inspection.
2. The Fire Marshal (or designee) is authorized to grant an extension of time for a period not more than 180 days, if requested in writing and a justifiable cause is demonstrated. Any written request for an extension must have been received by the CFD prior to the expiration date of the permit. Should a permit have no activity for a period of one year or more, the permit will become null and void and new permits will be required at full fee for service rates.
3. If a permit expires, it may be reactivated and renewed by paying a renewal fee equal to 25% of the original permit fee.



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4. If a permit expires and any codes, laws, or ordinances have changed, new permits may be required subject to the new requirements and full permit and plan check fees. This determination shall be made at the sole discretion of the Fire Marshal (or designee).

CROSS REFERENCES

California Fire Code, current edition