What is a Fire Code Operational Permit?
A Fire Code Operational Permit (FCPO) is required for a business which is conducting a specialized or hazardous operation within a building or on the property. The FCPO is not transferrable, which means if the business change owners, the operation changes, the business moves, or the life safety requirements are not maintained the permit is revoked and a new permit needs to be applied for.

Which Fire Code Operational Permit Do I Need?
There are many different kinds of FCPO, some operations are very common and see them in many type of business and some are not. Below are common FCPO and the definition of each one:

- **Aerosol Product (FCPO-AEROS)** To manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products in excess of 500 pounds net weight.
- **Aviation Facilities (FCPO-AVIAT)** To use a Group H or S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles.
- **Bed & Breakfast (FCPO-BB)** A residential building or portion, where the occupants are primarily transient in nature.
- **Carnival/Fair (FCPO-CFAIR)** To conduct a carnival or fair.
- **COMBO (FCPO-COMBO)** For business that have more than one operational classification.
- **Combustible Dust Producing (FCPO-CDUST)** Finely divided solid material which is 420 microns or less in diameter and which, when dispersed in air could ignite by a source of ignition.
- **Compressed Gases (FCPO-CGAS)** For the storage, use or handling of normal temperature and pressure of compressed gases in excess of IFC Table 105.6.8
- **Cutting & Welding (FCPO-CW)** To conduct cutting and welding operations within the jurisdiction, this could be inside or outside of a building.
- **Dry Cleaning (FCPO-DRYCL)** To engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.
- **Exhibits/Trade Shows (FCPO-EXHIB)** To hold an exhibit or trade show.
- **Explosives (FCPO-EXPLO)** For manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, firework or pyrotechnic special effect.
- **Fireworks Display (FCPO-FWDI)** A presentation of fireworks for a public or private gathering.
- **Fireworks Stand (FCPO-FWST)** The sale of fireworks during a predetermined time approved by State and County code in a free standing structure.
- **Fireworks Tent (FCPO-TENT)** The sale of fireworks during a predetermined time approved by State and County code in a membrane structure.
- **Flammable/Combustible Liquids (FCPO-FCLIQ)** To store, handle, use Class I more than 5 gal, Class II or Class IIIA more than 25 gal, Class IIIB in tanks for fueling motor vehicles or fuel burning equipment; removal of Class I or II tanks.
- **Hazardous Materials (FCPO-HAZMAT)** To store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle or handle hazardous materials in excess of amounts listed in Table 105.6.20
- **High-pile Storage (FXPO-HPS)** Area exceeding 500 square feet with storage higher in 12’ or High-hazard commodities greater than 6’
- **Hot Work (FCPO-HOTWO)** To welding, cutting, roofing or hot work in a wildfire risk area.
- **Liquid/gas Fueled Vehicles or Equipment (FCPO-LPFV)** To Display, operate or demonstrate liquid/gas field vehicles or equipment in assembly building.
• LP Gas (FCPO-LPGAS) To store and use, or operation of cargo tankers that transport.
• Open Flame/Candles (FCPO-OPFL2) To use in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants, or drinking establishments.
• Open Flame/Torches (FCPO-OPFL1) To use a torch to remove paint or use open flame devices/torches in a wildfire risk area.
• Places of Assembly (FCPO-ASSY) To operate a place of assembly.
• Pyrotechnic Special Effects Material (FCPO-PYROT) To use or handle.
• Repair Garages and Motor Fuel-dispensing Facilities (FCPO-REPAI) For the operation of a repair garage and automotive, marina and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facility.
• Spray or Dipping Operations (FCPO-SPRAY) Utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powers.
• Storage of Scrap Tires & Tire Byproducts (FCPO-TIRES) To establish, conduct or maintain storage exceeding 2,500 cubic feet total volume.
• Temp Tent/Canopy (FCPO-TENT) To operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area greater than 400 sq. ft.
• Waste Handling (FCPO-WASTE) To operate a wrecking yard, junk yard, and waste material handling facility.

What If I Have More Than One Operation In My Business?

Sometime a business has several different operations; in that case a FCPO-COMBO can be submitted. The benefit of a Combination Permit is that the business owner saves on permit fees. Although one permit is being applied for all supporting documents for each operation is required to be submitted so that the plan reviewer can insure compliance with all applicable codes.

When Do I Have To Submit My Operation Permit?

Once it has been determined that an operation permit is required, the permit needs to be issued prior to the final building inspection can be scheduled. It is important to submit your permit in plenty of time (not less than 10 days) so that it can be approved and issued before you want to schedule your inspection.

Do I Need the Operational Permit Inspected?

Yes you do. Once the final building inspection has been approved, than a Certificate of Occupancy Inspection can be scheduled at that time the inspector will inspect for your operational permit.

For the fee see the current DCD Fee Schedule at www.kitsapgov.com/dcd. Applications may be obtained from DCD or from the county website.