



**VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUELER VEHICLES
(Does not apply to aircraft refueling vehicles)

Reference: VCFPD Fire Code Chapter 34 and NFPA 385.

Current existing permits from other recognized agencies (Los Angeles County Fire Department, etc) may be acceptable in Ventura County.

Refueler Permits are issued for a period of one (1) year and are *not* valid within the city limits of Fillmore, Oxnard, Santa Paula, or Ventura.

DEFINITIONS

REFUELER VEHICLE: A vehicle used for dispensing Flammable/Combustible Liquids into equipment such as generators or other vehicles. Aircraft refueling vehicles (know as Aircraft Fuel Servicing Tank Vehicles) have separate, specific requirements.

1. PERMIT SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Refueler Permit submittals shall include:

- A. Current refueler permit fee
- B. Completed Permit Application (form VCFPD #125A) including:
 - 1) Amount of gasoline in gallons
 - 2) Amount of diesel in gallons
 - 3) Vehicle license plate number
- C. An inspection of the vehicle. This may be done at the address indicated above when the fee and complete application are submitted.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The specific function of refueler vehicles shall be that of supplying fuel to equipment or vehicle fuel tanks.
- B. Construction of fuel tanks shall be designed, constructed, equipped and maintained in accordance with the VCFPD Fire Code and NFPA 385.
- C. Refueler vehicles shall not be operated unless they are in proper repair and free of leaks and the accumulation of grease, oil or other flammables.

- D. Signs prohibiting smoking or open flame within 25 feet shall be prominently posted on the vehicle at all times. Smoking by refueler vehicle drivers, helpers or other personnel is prohibited while they are driving, dispensing, filling or making repairs to refueler vehicles.
- E. Refueler vehicles in excess of 120 gallons shall be placarded and meet the placarding provisions of the California Vehicle Code, Title 13, Article 3 and the Department of Transportation.
- F. Refueler vehicles shall be equipped with a minimum 2-A, 20-B:C fire extinguisher in good operating condition with a legible current year service tag attached.
- G. During fuel dispensing operations, refueler vehicle wheels shall be chocked to prevent movement, spillage or other hazardous motion.
- H. Refueler vehicles shall be equipped with an emergency pump shut-off switch.
- I. Dispensing hose shall not exceed 50 feet in length and the hose and nozzle shall be an approved type. The hose shall be properly placed on the approved reel or in a compartment before the vehicle is moved.
- J. Refueler vehicles shall be equipped with protection to prevent the accumulation of static charges during dispensing operations. Protection shall consist of a metallic bond wire (grounding strap), which is permanently connected to the refueling vehicle unit. The grounding strap shall be equipped with a clamp or other securing device and during dispensing operations shall be attached to the equipment that is being fueled.
- K. Refueler vehicle dispensing equipment shall only be operated by designated personnel who are trained to handle and dispense motor fuels.
- L. Refueler vehicles shall not be left unattended at any place that would, in the opinion of the Chief, present an extreme life hazard.
- M. Mechanically operated equipment (generators, other vehicles, etc) shall be shut down (not running) during dispensing operations.
- N. Dispensing from refueler vehicles shall be conducted at least 50 feet from structures or combustibles.
- O. Permits are for specific vehicles and shall be kept with the vehicle and available for inspection at all times by any representative of this Department.