

# Chapter 480

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**EXPLOSIVES GENERALLY**

**480.010 Labels for blasting powder and fuse.** All blasting powder and fuse shipped into this state for use, or manufactured in this state for use in this state, shall have stamped or printed upon the outside of the original package, box, case or wrapper the date of manufacture of the contents.

**480.020 Prohibition against sale of bad powder.** Whenever any blasting powder shows a state of disintegration or decomposition sufficient so that it remains in a soft condition in a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit, or is in a state of crystallization, which is revealed by some portions being in a hard condition and surrounded by other portions in a soft condition, it shall be deemed bad and dangerous powder, and its sale and use is prohibited.

**480.030 Fuse unfit for use and sale; prohibition of use.** Whenever any fuse shows by its appearance to have been overheated, or if it is in a hard and brittle condition, which is seen by breaks and cracks in the wrapper around the outside of the fuse, the same shall be declared unfit for use and sale, and its use is forbidden.

**480.040 Sale, exchange or possession, when unlawful.** No person shall sell or exchange, or offer or expose for sale or exchange, or have in possession for use by employees of the person:

(1) Any blasting powder or fuse which has not been stamped or printed upon as required in ORS 480.010.

(2) Any blasting powder of which the sale and use is prohibited by ORS 480.020.

(3) Any fuse declared to be unfit for use as prohibited by ORS 480.030.

**480.050 Prohibition against intrastate transportation of explosives in passenger vehicle operated by common carrier; exception.** No person shall transport, carry or convey, or have transported, carried or conveyed, any dynamite, gunpowder or other like explosives, between any places in Oregon, on any car or other vehicle of any description operated by a common carrier which car or vehicle is carrying passengers for hire. However, it shall be lawful to transport on any such car or vehicle small arms, ammunition in any quantity, such fuses, torpedoes, rockets or other signal devices as may be essential to promote safety in operation, and properly packed and marked samples of explosives for laboratory examination, not exceeding a net weight of one-half pound each and not exceeding 20 samples at one time in a single car or vehicle. Such samples shall not be carried in that part of a car or vehicle which is intended for

the transportation of passengers for hire. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the transportation of military or naval forces, with their accompanying munitions of war, on passenger equipment, cars or vehicles.

**480.060 Transportation of certain explosives prohibited.** No person shall transport, carry or convey, or have transported, carried or conveyed, liquid nitroglycerine, fulminate in bulk in dry condition, or other like explosives, between any places in Oregon, on any car or other vehicle of any description operated by a common carrier in the transportation of passengers.

**480.070 Fire bombs prohibited; exceptions.** (1) No person shall possess a fire bomb. For the purpose of this section a "fire bomb" is a breakable container containing a flammable liquid with a flash point of 150 degrees Fahrenheit or less, having an integral wick or similar device capable of being ignited, but no device commercially manufactured primarily for the purpose of illuminating shall be deemed to be a fire bomb for the purpose of this section.

(2) This section shall not prohibit the authorized use or possession of such fire bomb by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or by any member of a regularly organized public fire or police department. [1967 c.417 §21]

**480.080** [1961 c.722 §1; repealed by 1963 c.384 §4]

**480.085 Requirement for removal of unused explosives from work area.** (1) In addition to any other legal requirements, all users of explosives shall be responsible for the removal of all unused explosives from any area of use after the work for which the explosive was required is completed or when the user is absent for more than 30 days from the area of use, unless the explosives are stored in a manner meeting the safety requirements promulgated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS 476.030.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Explosives" means dynamite, blasting powder, black powder, nitroglycerin, detonators, nitro-jelly, prima-cord and detonating fuse.

(b) "User" means any person using explosives for any purpose whatsoever, and regardless of whether such person is being compensated for such use. [1963 c.384 §1]

**480.090** [1961 c.722 §2; repealed by 1963 c.384 §4]

**480.095 Penalty and civil liability for violation of ORS 480.085.** Persons violating ORS 480.085 are subject to the penalty provided in ORS 480.990 (4) and are liable in civil action for damages to any person suffering injury from handling or otherwise

coming in contact with unused explosives that are left in an area of use in violation of ORS 480.085, regardless of any negligence or lack of negligence on the part of the defendant. [1963 c.384 §2; 2007 c.71 §158]

### FIREWORKS

**480.110 Definitions for Oregon Fireworks Law.** For the purposes of ORS 480.110 to 480.165, which sections may be cited as the Oregon Fireworks Law, and unless otherwise required by the context:

(1) "Fireworks" means any combustible or explosive composition or substance, or any combination of such compositions or substances, or any other article which was prepared for the purpose of providing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and includes blank cartridges or toy cannons in which explosives are used, balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents or any other article of like construction or any article containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substances or inflammable compound; but does not include:

(a) Sparklers, toy pistol paper caps, toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps containing 0.25 grains or less of explosive compound are used, and when, the rate of burning and the explosive force of the materials in such devices are not greater than an equivalent weight of F.F.F.G. black powder, and when such devices are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for explosion, and the major explosive force is contained or dispelled within the housing or shell of the device, there is no visible flame during discharge, there is no flaming or smoldering of any of the components or parts of the device after discharge, and the device does not produce sufficient heat to readily ignite combustible materials upon which the device may be placed. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.

(b) Snakes or similar smoke-producing material containing not more than 100 grains of combustible substances when there is no visible flame during discharge, there is no after smoldering, and the devices do not produce sufficient heat to readily ignite combustible materials upon which the devices may be placed. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.

(c) Model rockets and model rocket motors designed for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models. The sale and use of such devices shall be permitted at all times.

(d) Those items described in ORS 480.127 (4).

(2) "Fire protection district" means any district created under the laws of Oregon or the United States, including rural fire protection districts and any federal, state or private forest patrol areas.

(3) For purposes of this section "sparklers" means materials of a character that will, when ignited, sparkle without throwing or dropping hot residue capable of igniting combustible materials, attached to a wire or other noncombustible central support, with such materials arranged in a cylindrical shape not more than 10 inches in length nor more than one-quarter inch in diameter and which shall not burn more rapidly than one inch in 10 seconds, but not including materials incased within a container of any character. "Explosive substance" or "explosive mixture" as used in this section shall mean any substance so arranged as to burn in less than one second. "Combustible substance" shall mean any substance so arranged as to burn in more than one second. [Amended by 1967 c.417 §23; 1981 c.635 §1; 1983 c.788 §5]

**480.120 Sale, possession and use of fireworks prohibited; exceptions; enforcement.** (1) No person shall sell, keep or offer for sale, expose for sale, possess, use, explode or have exploded any fireworks within Oregon, except as follows:

(a) Sales by manufacturers and wholesalers to customers residing outside this state in accordance with ORS 480.156;

(b) Sales to persons or organizations having obtained a permit from the State Fire Marshal for supervised public display;

(c) Sales to railroads, boats, motor vehicle or other transportation agencies, to be used for signal, warning or illumination purposes in connection with such business;

(d) Sale or use of blank cartridges for licensed shows or theaters or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports;

(e) Experimental purposes by a manufacturer of explosives at such places where such experiments are normally conducted;

(f) Sale of blank cartridges for use by the militia or any organization of war veterans or other organization authorized by law to parade in public a color guard armed with firearms;

(g) Sale of shells, cartridges, gunpowder or explosives for use in legally permitted firearms;

(h) Sales of items described in ORS 480.127 to persons who possess the retail sales permit required by ORS 480.127 by a person who holds a manufacturer or whole-

saler license issued pursuant to ORS 480.110 to 480.165; or

(i) Sales of items described in ORS 480.127 to individual members of the general public for personal use by taking direct delivery of those items at the time of sale from the holder of a retail sale permit issued pursuant to ORS 480.127.

(2) Law enforcement officers of the state, county or municipality shall enforce the provisions of ORS 480.110 to 480.165. [Amended by 1983 c.788 §1; 1985 c.789 §1]

**480.122 Use for repelling birds or animals allowed; permit; rules.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 480.110 to 480.124 and 480.130 to 480.150, an owner or lessee of property located outside of an incorporated city may purchase, maintain, use and explode fireworks on the owned or leased property for the purpose of scaring away or repelling birds or animals which are or may be injurious or destructive to forest or agricultural products or crops.

(2) Any person described in subsection (1) of this section desiring to use and explode fireworks to scare or repel birds or animals shall first secure a permit from the State Fire Marshal for that purpose. The State Fire Marshal, upon receipt of application for such permit, shall determine if the proposed purchase and use conforms to law and any rules or regulations promulgated by the office of the fire marshal. If the fire marshal finds that the applicant is qualified to use the fireworks and the proposed use is in accordance with the law and rules and regulations, the fire marshal shall issue a permit; otherwise the fire marshal shall refuse to issue it.

(3) Such permit may be revoked by the State Fire Marshal at any time fire marshal verifies there is a violation of the provisions of the permit or the rules and regulations under which it is issued.

(4) The State Fire Marshal is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use of fireworks to scare or repel birds or animals which are injurious to or destructive to forest or agricultural crops or products. [1961 c.293 §2; 1987 c.158 §106]

**480.124 Use for control of predatory animals allowed.** Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 480.110 to 480.165, fireworks may be purchased, maintained, used and exploded by federal or state agencies authorized and required by ORS 610.002 to 610.020 to eradicate and control predatory animals. Such purchase and use shall be in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Fire Marshal, with the approval of the state agencies authorized and required

by ORS 610.002 to 610.020 to eradicate and control predatory animals. [1961 c.293 §3]

**480.127 Sale permit for certain items; when required; fee.** (1) Any person who desires to sell cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers or combination items at retail to individual members of the general public for personal use shall apply in writing to the State Fire Marshal for a permit at least 15 days in advance of the proposed sale. The State Fire Marshal shall issue the permit only if the State Fire Marshal finds that the applicant is qualified to conduct the proposed sale and that the proposed sale will conform to the provisions of ORS 480.110 to 480.165 and any rules promulgated pursuant thereto. A fee may be charged for the permit. Subject to prior approval by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and a report to the Emergency Board prior to adopting the fee, the amount of the fee shall be set by rule and shall be adjusted subsequently by the State Fire Marshal to finance the administrative expenses incurred under this section and shall be within the budget authorized by the Legislative Assembly as that budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.

(2) The permit required by subsection (1) of this section shall not be valid for more than one year from the date of issuance and shall authorize sales only between midnight June 22 and midnight July 6 of any given calendar year.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Fire Marshal shall not prescribe limitations on the aggregate amount of items described in subsection (4) of this section at a sales facility operated by a person who holds the permit referred to in this section. However, such items shall be stored in accordance with such fire codes as the State Fire Marshal by rule may prescribe to insure safe storage of such materials. In prescribing such rules the State Fire Marshal may consider, among other matters, requirements of the United States Department of Transportation regarding the storage of hazardous materials.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Combination item" means a device that contains combinations of two or more of the effects described in paragraphs (b) to (g) of this subsection.

(b) "Cone fountain" means a cardboard or heavy paper cone containing not more than 50 grams of pyrotechnic composition. The effect upon ignition is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain.

(c) "Cylindrical fountain" means a cylindrical tube not more than three-fourths inch

(19 mm) inside diameter and containing not more than 75 grams of pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground, a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground or a wood or cardboard handle if intended to be handheld.

(d) "Flitter sparkler" means a narrow paper tube containing not more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition that produces colored sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function.

(e) "Ground spinner" means a small device similar to a wheel in design and effect and containing not more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic composition. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of colored sparks is produced by the rapidly spinning device.

(f) "Illuminating torch" means a cylindrical tube containing not more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground, a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground or a wood or cardboard handle if intended to be handheld.

(g) "Wheel" means a pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Each wheel may contain not more than six driver units or tubes not exceeding one-half inch (12.5 mm) inside diameter and containing not more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves and produces a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect. [1983 c.788 §3; 1991 c.703 §14]

**480.130 Permit required for sale or public display of fireworks; fee.** (1) All persons, municipalities, associations or organizations or groups of individuals desiring to sell, discharge, fire off, explode or display fireworks for a public display, or to sell items described in ORS 480.127 (4) to persons who possess the permit referred to in ORS 480.127, shall apply in writing to the State Fire Marshal for a permit at least 15 days in advance of the proposed sale or date of the display. The State Fire Marshal, upon receipt of such application, shall determine if the proposed sale or display will conform to law and any rules promulgated thereunder. If the State Fire Marshal finds that the applicant is qualified to conduct such sale or display and that the proposed sale or display is in accordance with the law and all rules, the State Fire Marshal shall issue a permit; otherwise the State Fire Marshal shall refuse to issue it.

(2) The fee for a permit for the public display of fireworks and each permit for sale of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 (4) shall be established by rule by the State Fire Marshal, subject to prior approval by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and a report to the Emergency Board prior to adopting the fee, and subsequently shall be adjusted to finance the administrative expenses incurred under this section and shall be within the budget authorized by the Legislative Assembly as that budget may be modified by the Emergency Board. All fees collected shall be deposited to the credit of the State Fire Marshal Fund.

(3) Sales permits for fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 (4) shall not be valid for more than one year from date of issue. A public display permit shall not be valid for more than 10 days from date of issuance and shall authorize only one fireworks display during that period. [Amended by 1967 c.417 §24; 1983 c.788 §6; 1985 c.789 §2; 1991 c.703 §15]

**480.140 Fireworks displays to be under supervision of police and fire department chiefs or county court.** (1) Every such display held within the boundaries of any municipality shall be under the supervision of the chiefs of police and fire departments of the municipalities in which the display is to be held and shall be of such character, and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

(2) Every such display held outside the boundaries of any municipality or fire protection district shall be under the supervision of the county court of the county in which the display is to be held and shall be of such character, and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the county court or of a county official duly authorized by the county court, after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

**480.150 Permits for fireworks sales or displays; rules; security.** (1) The State Fire Marshal may adopt reasonable rules for granting permits for supervised public displays or sales of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 (4) by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, and other persons, organizations or groups of individuals. The governing body of any municipality, or of any county, may require liability insurance, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured institution as defined in ORS 706.008 or other form of indemnity deemed adequate by the municipality, or the county, from any person, in a sum not less than \$500, conditioned for payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or

property by reason of the authorized display or sale and arising from any acts of any person or agents, employees or subcontractors of the person. At the time a permit is revoked, the State Fire Marshal or approving authority may include in the revocation order a provision prohibiting the holder of the revoked permit from applying for or obtaining another such permit, for a period not to exceed three years from the revocation date, if the State Fire Marshal or approving authority finds that the circumstances of the permit holder's failure to comply with applicable sale or display statutes and regulations presented a significant fire hazard or other public safety danger.

(2) The State Fire Marshal or the approving authority of any governmental subdivision may revoke permits for display or sale of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 when in the opinion of the State Fire Marshal or the approving authority the sale or display of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 (4) is not in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations governing such sale or displays.

(3) Permit fees required by ORS 480.130 shall not be refunded in the event such permits are revoked. [Amended by 1967 c.417 §25; 1983 c.788 §4; 1985 c.789 §3; 1991 c.331 §72; 1997 c.631 §483]

**480.152 Publication of advertisement for sale of unlawful fireworks prohibited.**

(1) No person shall publish or cause to be published:

(a) Any advertisement for the sale of fireworks the use or possession of which is declared unlawful by ORS 480.110 to 480.165.

(b) Any advertisement for the sale of items described in ORS 480.127 in any county, municipality or fire protection district that by law or ordinance has declared the sale or use of such items is prohibited.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any advertising medium which accepts such advertising in good faith, without knowledge of the violation of law. [1985 c.789 §7]

**480.154 Manufacturer or wholesaler required to maintain records of sale of fireworks; shipments to show permit number; confiscation.**

(1) Each manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 shall keep a record of all sales showing the name and address of the purchaser, the state of destination, license and permit numbers, the state and date of permit issuance and a list of the type and quantity of fireworks or items sold.

(2) All shipments of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 coming into this state must show the appropriate permit number of the addressee on the outside of

the package. If the permit number is not so shown, such shipment may be confiscated by a law enforcement officer or fire protection enforcement authority having jurisdiction. [1985 c.789 §8]

**480.156 Sale of fireworks to out-of-state resident without valid license or permit prohibited; seller to ascertain license or permit requirements of other states; seller's records.** (1) It is unlawful for any person to sell fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127, at wholesale to any out-of-state resident who does not possess and present to the seller for inspection at the time of sale a valid license or permit issued in the name of such out-of-state resident, if such license or permit is required to purchase, possess, transport, store, distribute, sell or otherwise deal with or use fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127, by the laws of such other state.

(2) The burden of ascertaining whether the laws of such other state require a license or permit and whether the purchaser possesses such a valid license or permit shall be entirely on the seller. Each seller shall record, in a manner prescribed by the State Fire Marshal, each sale described in this section. The record shall include the identification of type and quantity of fireworks sold, name of purchaser, state of destination, state issuing license or permit and number or other identifying description and date of issue of license or permit. [1985 c.789 §9]

**480.158 Parents of minor liable for costs incurred in suppressing fires caused by use of fireworks by minor; exception.**

(1) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child shall be liable for costs incurred by a public fire agency in suppressing fires caused by use of fireworks by such minor child. However, a parent who is not entitled to legal custody of the minor child at the time of the fire shall not be liable for such damages.

(2) The legal obligation of the parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child to pay damages under this section shall be limited to not more than \$5,000 payable to the same claimant, for one or more acts.

(3) When an action is brought under this section on parental responsibility for acts of their children, the parents shall be named as defendants therein and, in addition, the minor child shall be named as a defendant. The filing of an answer by the parents shall remove any requirement that a guardian ad litem be required.

(4) Nothing in subsections (1) to (3) of this section applies to foster parents. [1985 c.789 §6]

**480.160 Local regulation and effect of state law; local enforcement authority.**

(1) Nothing in ORS 480.110 to 480.165, nor in any permit issued thereunder, shall authorize the manufacture, sale, use or discharge of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 in any city, county or fire protection district in which such manufacture, sale, use or discharge is otherwise prohibited by law or municipal ordinance; nor shall any city, county or fire protection district authorize the sale or use of any fireworks prohibited by the provisions of ORS 480.110 to 480.165.

(2) For the purposes of enforcing ORS 480.110 to 480.165 in an area exempt under ORS 476.030 (3) within a rural fire protection district, the fire marshal, if there is one, or the fire chief of that rural fire protection district has the same enforcement authority as the State Fire Marshal.

(3) No person shall deliver or cause to be delivered into any county, municipality or rural fire protection district for the purpose of sale to individual members of the general public for personal use any items described in ORS 480.127 if the county, municipality or rural fire protection district by law or ordinance has declared that the sale or use of such items is prohibited.

(4) The manufacture, sale, use or discharge of fireworks or items described in ORS 480.127 may be regulated by the governing body of a rural fire protection district, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The regulation must be by ordinance adopted by the governing body of the district, after public notice and hearing, not later than January 1 of any calendar year in which regulation is to be operative.

(b) The regulation shall not be operative within the boundaries of any city that regulates such matters by city ordinance.

(c) The regulation shall not prohibit the manufacture, sale, use or discharge of fireworks or items referred to in ORS 480.127, the manufacture, sale, use or discharge of which is authorized by ORS 480.110 to 480.165.

(d) The regulation may not limit sales to less than five days per calendar year, and must include the five consecutive day period beginning June 30. [Amended by 1983 c.788 §7; 1985 c.789 §4; 1993 c.185 §32]

**480.165 Civil penalty for fireworks law violations.** (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates any provision of ORS 480.110 to 480.165, or any rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant thereto, is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the State Fire Marshal in an amount not to exceed \$500 per violation. However, an individual member of the gen-

eral public who possesses fireworks of a retail value less than \$50 is not subject to a civil penalty. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(2) All moneys recovered pursuant to this section shall be paid into the State Fire Marshal Fund.

(3) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745. [1991 c.856 §§2,3]

**480.170** [Repealed by 1987 c.158 §107]

**MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION AND TRANSFER OF EXPLOSIVES**

**480.200 Definitions for ORS 480.200 to 480.290.** As used in ORS 480.200 to 480.290 unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Certificate of possession" means a certificate issued under ORS 480.235 by the State Fire Marshal to applicants who have met the requirements of ORS 480.200 to 480.290.

(2) "Certificate of registration" means a certificate of registration issued under ORS 480.244 by the State Fire Marshal for an explosives magazine.

(3) "Explosive" means a chemical compound, mixture or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term includes, but is not limited to, dynamite, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord and igniters, but excludes fireworks, as defined in ORS 480.110 (1), black powder, smokeless powder, small arms ammunition, small arms ammunition primers and fertilizer, as defined in ORS 633.311.

(4) "Issuing authority" means the State Fire Marshal or an assistant appointed by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.280 (2).

(5) "Magazine" means an approved facility for the storage of explosives.

(6) "Small arms ammunition" means a shotgun, rifle, pistol or revolver cartridge.

(7) "Small arms ammunition primers" means small percussion-sensitive explosive charges encased in a cup and used to ignite propellant powder. [1971 c.518 §1; 1983 c.100 §3; 1999 c.980 §1; 2001 c.914 §26]

**480.205 Application.** ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.990 (6) do not apply to:

(1) The possession of an explosive by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States while on active duty and engaged in the performance of official duties or by a member of a regularly organized public law enforcement agency, public fire department or fire protection agency while engaged in the performance of official duties.



(2) The possession of an explosive in the course of transportation by way of railroad, water, highway or air while under the jurisdiction of, or in conformity with, regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation. [1971 c.518 §2; 1987 c.158 §108; 1999 c.980 §2]

**480.210 Certificate, license or permit required; display upon demand; defenses.**

(1) A person may not possess an explosive unless:

(a) The person has in immediate possession at all times during the possession of the explosive a valid certificate of possession issued to the person under ORS 480.235;

(b) The person possesses a license or permit issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of a type that authorizes the possession; or

(c) The person is listed as a responsible person or employee possessor under a license or permit described in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(2) A person in possession of an explosive shall display a certificate of possession or federal license or permit upon the demand of the State Fire Marshal, an assistant to the State Fire Marshal, a magistrate or a law enforcement agency, public fire department or fire protection agency of this state.

(3) It is a defense to a charge under subsection (1) of this section that the person so charged produce in court:

(a) A certificate described in subsection (1)(a) of this section that was valid at the time of the arrest of the person;

(b) Proof that the person has a license or permit issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of a type authorizing the person to possess the explosives; or

(c) Proof that the person is listed as a responsible person or employee possessor under a license or permit described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. [1971 c.518 §3; 1999 c.980 §3; 2007 c.71 §159; 2009 c.164 §1]

**480.215 Transfer of explosives limited.**

Possession of an explosive may not be transferred unless:

(1) The transferee holds a certificate of possession under ORS 480.235 and the certificate is valid at the time of the transfer;

(2) The transferee holds a license or permit issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of a type that authorizes possession of the explosive by the transferee; or

(3) The transferee is a consignee of explosives that have been transported under the jurisdiction of or in conformity with regulations adopted by the United States De-

partment of Transportation. [1971 c.518 §4; 1981 c.635 §2; 1999 c.980 §4; 2001 c.104 §219; 2007 c.71 §160; 2009 c.164 §2]

**480.220** [1971 c.518 §5; repealed by 1989 c.982 §7]

**480.225 Eligibility for certificate of possession.** (1) A person is eligible for a certificate of possession under ORS 480.235 if:

(a) The person has not been convicted, or found guilty except for insanity under ORS 161.295, of a misdemeanor involving violence, as defined in ORS 166.470, within the previous four years. A person who has been so convicted is eligible under this subsection following the expiration of seven years after the date of final and unconditional discharge from all imprisonment, probation and parole resulting from the conviction.

(b) The person has not been convicted, or found guilty except for insanity under ORS 161.295, of, and is not under indictment for, any felony.

(c) The person is not a fugitive from justice, has no outstanding warrants for arrest and is not free on any form of pretrial release for any offenses listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(d) The person has not been determined to be mentally ill under ORS 426.130 and 430.397 to 430.401 or mentally retarded under ORS 427.290. A person who previously has been so determined is eligible under this subsection if, at the time of application for such a certificate, the person produces a certified copy of a full discharge from the proper state hospital. The Oregon Health Authority shall provide the State Fire Marshal with direct electronic access to the authority's database of information identifying persons meeting the criteria of this section who were committed or subject to an order under ORS 426.130. The State Fire Marshal and the authority shall enter into an agreement describing the access to information under this subsection.

(e) The person is at least 21 years of age.

(f) The person does not use a fictitious name or make a material misrepresentation in application for such a certificate.

(g)(A) The person has not been convicted of, and is not under indictment for, a criminal offense involving a controlled substance as defined in ORS 475.005, other than the offense of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, a person who has had a certificate denied or revoked due to conviction of a criminal offense involving a controlled substance is eligible under this section following the expiration of seven years after the date of final and unconditional discharge

from all imprisonment, probation and parole resulting from the conviction.

(h) The person has been discharged from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for more than four years for an act that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor involving violence, as defined in ORS 166.470.

(i) The person is not the subject of a restraining order that alleges the person's possession of explosives presents a credible threat to another person.

(j) The person has passed an examination administered by the State Fire Marshal that assesses the person's knowledge of safety in the transportation and storage of explosives as required under federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to explosives. The State Fire Marshal shall examine each applicant prior to issuance of a certificate of possession to the applicant. The State Fire Marshal may by rule establish and collect an examination fee in an amount necessary to cover the cost of administering the examination.

(k) The person certifies on the application for a certificate of possession that all explosives in the person's possession will be used, stored and transported in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

(L) The person certifies that all explosives will be possessed, used, stored and transported in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

(2) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to a conviction or indictment that has been expunged from a person's record under the laws of this state or equivalent laws of another jurisdiction. [1971 c.518 §6; 1981 c.635 §3; 1983 c.100 §4; 1985 c.362 §1; 1999 c.980 §5; 2007 c.70 §275; 2009 c.595 §981]

**480.230 Application for certificate of possession; fee.** A person desiring a certificate of possession shall apply on application forms provided by the office of the State Fire Marshal. The forms shall be completed in full and shall include:

(1) The applicant's legal name, current address and current telephone number;

(2) The applicant's date of birth;

(3) A statement by the applicant that the applicant is eligible for a certificate of possession under ORS 480.225;

(4) The number of the certificate of registration issued under ORS 480.244 for the explosives magazine where the applicant intends to store the explosives;

(5) Any other information that the issuing authority may require to readily identify the applicant;

(6) A certification, signed and dated by the applicant, that the information contained in the application is true; and

(7) A nonrefundable application fee of \$50 for a three-year certificate. [1971 c.518 §7; 1983 c.100 §2; 1999 c.980 §6]

**480.235 Waiting period for issuance of certificate of possession; investigation of applicant; authority of investigating body to require fingerprints; term of certificate; assignment or transfer prohibited; records required.** (1) A certificate of possession shall be issued or denied within 45 days after the date of the application or the conclusion of the investigation conducted by the issuing authority pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The issuing authority shall conduct an investigation to ensure that the applicant meets the requirements listed in ORS 480.225 and 480.230. The issuing authority shall include fingerprinting and photographic identification in the investigation. The issuing authority may use fingerprints obtained under this subsection for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181.534. Unless the issuing authority finds that the applicant is ineligible under ORS 480.225 or 480.230, the authority shall issue a certificate of possession to the applicant. If the issuing authority finds that the applicant is ineligible under ORS 480.225 or 480.230, the authority shall issue a notification of denial. The denial is subject to the provisions of ORS 480.275.

(3) A certificate of possession is valid for three years from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked pursuant to ORS 480.270.

(4) A certificate of possession may not be assigned or transferred.

(5) The holder of a certificate of possession shall maintain a record of the type and quantity of all explosives possessed during the certificate period. The record shall be made available upon demand of the issuing authority, a magistrate or a law enforcement agency, public fire department or fire protection agency of this state.

(6) Notwithstanding ORS 181.534 (5) and (6), the Department of State Police shall maintain in the department's files fingerprint cards submitted to it for purposes of conducting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181.534 on applicants for a certificate of possession. [1971 c.518 §8; 1981 c.635 §4; 1983 c.100 §5; 1999 c.980 §7; 2005 c.730 §28]

**480.239 Application for renewal of certificate of possession; testing criteria.** Any applicant for the renewal of an unexpired certificate of possession issued on or

after June 1, 2000, shall not be required to retake the safety examination described under ORS 480.225 (1)(j) to obtain the renewal unless the applicant has allowed the certificate to lapse. All other requirements for the issuance of a certificate shall be met before a certificate is renewed. [1999 c.980 §15]

**480.240** [1971 c.518 §11; repealed by 1983 c.100 §1]

**480.244 Storage facility approval; inspection; relocation; rules; fees.** (1) A person may store explosives only in an explosives magazine that has been issued a certificate of registration by the State Fire Marshal or has been approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for storing that type of explosive.

(2) An application for a certificate of registration shall be submitted on a form approved by the State Fire Marshal and shall contain all information required by rule of the State Fire Marshal, including but not limited to the magazine location and structural information.

(3) The State Fire Marshal may establish by rule and collect application and registration fees in an amount necessary to cover the cost of administering the magazine registration program.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, prior to issuing a certificate of registration, the State Fire Marshal shall inspect the magazine to ensure that the magazine complies with the rules established by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.280. The State Fire Marshal shall issue a certificate of registration for the magazine unless the State Fire Marshal finds that the magazine does not comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal. Denial of a certificate of registration shall be in accordance with subsection (9) of this section.

(5) The State Fire Marshal may substitute for its own inspection of the magazine as required under subsection (4) of this section an inspection completed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The State Fire Marshal shall establish criteria for when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives inspection may substitute for the State Fire Marshal inspection.

(6) A certificate of registration shall be valid for two years unless suspended or revoked as provided under subsection (9) of this section.

(7) An application for the renewal of a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by any application fee established by the State Fire Marshal. A person who applies to renew a certificate before the person's current certificate expires does not need to re-

take the safety examination described under ORS 480.225 (1)(j). Each magazine shall be reinspected prior to renewal of the certificate of registration.

(8) If a magazine required to be registered under this section or that is approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is relocated, the person responsible for the magazine shall notify the State Fire Marshal within 24 hours of the relocation. Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the State Fire Marshal shall notify the fire department or fire protection agency having jurisdiction over the new location.

(9) The State Fire Marshal may deny, suspend or revoke a certificate of registration if the State Fire Marshal finds that the magazine is ineligible for a certificate of registration. If the State Fire Marshal denies, suspends or revokes the certificate of registration, the issuing authority shall issue a notification of denial, suspension or revocation, subject to ORS 480.275.

(10) The issuing authority may revoke the certificate of registration for failure to comply with any provision of ORS 480.200 to 480.290. [1999 c.980 §16; 2007 c.71 §161; 2009 c.164 §3]

**480.245** [1971 c.518 §12; repealed by 1983 c.100 §1]

**480.250** [1971 c.518 §13; 1981 c.635 §5; repealed by 1983 c.100 §1]

**480.255** [1971 c.518 §14; repealed by 1999 c.980 §18]

**480.260** [1971 c.518 §§16,17; repealed by 1999 c.980 §18]

**480.265 Report of loss, theft or unlawful removal of explosives required.** The loss, theft or unlawful removal of an explosive from the possession of any person shall be reported by the person within 24 hours to the issuing authority and a law enforcement agency of this state. The report shall include the type and quantity of the explosive. [1971 c.518 §18; 1999 c.980 §8]

**480.270 Revocation or suspension for violations; surrender of certificate of possession.** (1) The issuing authority may suspend or revoke a certificate of possession if the issuing authority finds that the person to whom the certificate of possession was issued is ineligible for the certificate of possession under ORS 480.225 or 480.230 or that the person has been convicted of a violation under ORS 480.990 (6).

(2) A certificate of possession suspended or revoked under subsection (1) of this section shall be void from the date of the suspension or revocation. The person to whom the certificate of possession was issued shall surrender the suspended or revoked certificate of possession to the issuing authority upon the demand of the issuing authority. [1971 c.518 §19; 1987 c.158 §109; 1999 c.980 §9]

**480.275 Hearings on denial, suspension or revocation of certificate.** An applicant who has been denied a certificate of possession or a certificate of registration or a person whose certificate of possession or certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked is entitled to a hearing before the issuing authority under ORS chapter 183. [1971 c.518 §20; 1999 c.980 §10]

**480.280 Administration and enforcement by State Fire Marshal; rules; appointment of assistants.** (1) The State Fire Marshal shall administer and enforce ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.990 (6) and may, in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, adopt rules considered to be necessary in carrying out ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.990 (6). The rules adopted shall be such as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety and of persons possessing or storing explosives.

(2) The State Fire Marshal may appoint an individual, designated as assistant by ORS 476.060 (1), or any other individual to act as the assistant of the State Fire Marshal in the administration and enforcement of ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.990 (6). [1971 c.518 §§21,23; 1987 c.158 §110; 1999 c.980 §11]

**480.285** [1971 c.518 §24; repealed by 1973 c.832 §14]

**480.290 Requirements for person driving vehicle transporting explosives.** (1) Each person who drives or has charge of a vehicle transporting explosives must comply with the requirements of the United States Department of Transportation.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the driver of a vehicle transporting any quantity of explosives must attend the vehicle at all times.

(3) The driver of a vehicle transporting explosives may leave the vehicle unattended only at a designated location that has been approved for such parking by the State Fire Marshal or by the local government agency that has responsibility for fire protection.

(4) A vehicle which contains explosives must not be parked within 300 feet of any bridge, tunnel, dwelling, building or place where people work, congregate or assemble except for brief periods when the necessities of operation require the vehicle to be parked and make it impracticable to park the vehicle in any other place.

(5) As used in this section, a vehicle is "attended" when the person in charge of the vehicle is on the vehicle, awake and not in a sleeper berth, or is within 100 feet of the vehicle and has it within unobstructed field of view.

(6) All vehicles containing explosives shall display appropriate placards conforming to the requirements of the United States Department of Transportation. [1985 c.165 §2; 1999 c.980 §12; 2009 c.164 §4]

### REGULATION OF GASOLINE DISPENSING

**480.310 Definitions for ORS 480.315 to 480.385.** As used in ORS 480.315 to 480.385:

(1) "Class 1 flammable liquids" means liquids with a flash point below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, closed cup tester.

(2) "Nonretail facility" means an unattended facility where Class 1 flammable liquids are dispensed through a card or key activated fuel dispensing device to nonretail customers. [Amended by 1991 c.863 §48]

**480.315 Policy.** The Legislative Assembly declares that, except as provided in ORS 480.345 to 480.385, it is in the public interest to maintain a prohibition on the self-service dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids at retail. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids by dispensers properly trained in appropriate safety procedures reduces fire hazards directly associated with the dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids;

(2) Appropriate safety standards often are unenforceable at retail self-service stations in other states because cashiers are often unable to maintain a clear view of and give undivided attention to the dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids by customers;

(3) Higher liability insurance rates charged to retail self-service stations reflect the dangers posed to customers when they leave their vehicles to dispense Class 1 flammable liquids, such as the increased risk of crime and the increased risk of personal injury resulting from slipping on slick surfaces;

(4) The dangers of crime and slick surfaces described in subsection (3) of this section are enhanced because Oregon's weather is uniquely adverse, causing wet pavement and reduced visibility;

(5) The dangers described in subsection (3) of this section are heightened when the customer is a senior citizen or has a disability, especially if the customer uses a mobility aid, such as a wheelchair, walker, cane or crutches;

(6) Attempts by other states to require the providing of aid to senior citizens and persons with disabilities in the self-service dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids at retail have failed, and therefore, senior citizens and persons with disabilities must pay the higher costs of full service;

(7) Exposure to toxic fumes represents a health hazard to customers dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids;

(8) The hazard described in subsection (7) of this section is heightened when the customer is pregnant;

(9) The exposure to Class 1 flammable liquids through dispensing should, in general, be limited to as few individuals as possible, such as gasoline station owners and their employees or other trained and certified dispensers;

(10) The typical practice of charging significantly higher prices for full-service fuel dispensing in states where self-service is permitted at retail:

(a) Discriminates against customers with lower incomes, who are under greater economic pressure to subject themselves to the inconvenience and hazards of self-service;

(b) Discriminates against customers who are elderly or have disabilities who are unable to serve themselves and so must pay the significantly higher prices; and

(c) Increases self-service dispensing and thereby decreases maintenance checks by attendants, which results in neglect of maintenance, endangering both the customer and other motorists and resulting in unnecessary and costly repairs;

(11) The increased use of self-service at retail in other states has contributed to diminishing the availability of automotive repair facilities at gasoline stations;

(12) Self-service dispensing at retail in other states does not provide a sustained reduction in fuel prices charged to customers;

(13) A general prohibition of self-service dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids by the general public promotes public welfare by providing increased safety and convenience without causing economic harm to the public in general;

(14) Self-service dispensing at retail contributes to unemployment, particularly among young people;

(15) Self-service dispensing at retail presents a health hazard and unreasonable discomfort to persons with disabilities, elderly persons, small children and those susceptible to respiratory diseases;

(16) The federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, requires that equal access be provided to persons with disabilities at retail gasoline stations; and

(17) Small children left unattended when customers leave to make payment at retail self-service stations creates a dangerous situation. [1991 c.863 §49a; 1999 c.59 §160; 2007 c.70 §276]

**480.320 Use of coin-operated pumps and dispensing of gasoline by self-service declared hazardous.** The installation and use of coin-operated dispensing devices for Class 1 flammable liquids and the dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids by self-service, are declared hazardous. [Amended by 1959 c.73 §1]

**480.330 Operation of gasoline dispensing device by public prohibited; aviation fuel exception.** An owner, operator or employee of a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary where Class 1 flammable liquids, except aviation fuels, are dispensed at retail may not permit any person other than the owner, operator or employee to use or manipulate any pump, hose, pipe or other device for dispensing the liquids into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle or other retail container. [Amended by 2001 c.285 §1]

**480.340 Coin-operated or self-service gasoline pumps prohibited; automatic shut-off devices regulated; aviation fuel exception.** An owner, operator or employee of a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary where Class 1 flammable liquids, except aviation fuels, are dispensed at retail may not install or use or permit the use of:

(1) A coin-operated or self-service dispensing device for the liquids.

(2) A device that permits the dispensing of the liquids when the hand of the operator of the discharge nozzle is removed from the control lever, except one equipped with an automatic nozzle of a type that has been approved by the State Fire Marshal and that has a latch-open device as an integral part of the assembly, capable of shutting off the flow of the liquids reliably when the tank is filled or when the nozzle falls or slips from the filling neck of the tank. A person may not use an automatic nozzle to dispense the liquids unless the owner, operator or employee is in the immediate vicinity of the tank being filled. [Amended by 1959 c.73 §2; 2001 c.285 §2]

**480.345 Conditions for operation of dispensing device by certain nonretail customers.** Notwithstanding ORS 480.330 and 480.340, the owner, operator or employee of a dispensing facility may permit nonretail customers other than the owner, operator or employee to use or manipulate at the dispensing facility a card activated or key activated device for dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle or other container under the following conditions:

(1) The owner or operator shall hold a current nonretail facility license issued by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.350;

(2) After April 1, 1992, a nonretail customer shall purchase at least 900 gallons of Class 1 flammable liquids or diesel fuel from any source during a 12-month period or, if the amount of such liquids or fuel purchased is less than 900 gallons annually, file documentation that:

(a) The fuel qualifies as a deductible farming expense on the customer's federal income tax return; or

(b) The fuel was purchased by a governmental agency providing fire, ambulance or police services;

(3) The nonretail customer shall provide a federal employer identification number or equivalent documentation to indicate participation in a business or employment with a government agency or nonprofit or charitable organization;

(4) The nonretail customer, other than the owner or operator, dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids shall be employed by a business, government agency or nonprofit or charitable organization and shall dispense Class 1 flammable liquids only into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle or other container owned or used by the business, government agency or nonprofit or charitable organization;

(5) The nonretail customer, other than the owner, operator or employee, dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids shall have satisfied safety training requirements in compliance with rules of the State Fire Marshal; and

(6) The owner or operator shall enter into a written agreement with nonretail customers permitted under this section to dispense fuel at the nonretail facility. Except as otherwise provided in ORS 480.355, the agreement shall at a minimum:

(a) Certify that the nonretail customer will purchase at least 900 gallons of Class 1 flammable liquids or diesel fuel from any source during a 12-month period or, if the amount of such liquids or fuel purchased is less than 900 gallons annually, file documentation that:

(A) The fuel qualifies as a deductible farming expense on the customer's federal income tax return; or

(B) The fuel was purchased by a governmental agency providing fire, ambulance or police services;

(b) Provide a federal employer identification number or equivalent documentation to indicate participation in a business or employment with a government agency or nonprofit or charitable organization;

(c) Certify that the nonretail customer is employed by a business, government agency

or nonprofit or charitable organization and that the nonretail customer shall dispense Class 1 flammable liquids only into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle or other container owned or used by the business, government agency or nonprofit or charitable organization;

(d) Certify that the nonretail customer has satisfied safety training requirements in compliance with rules of the State Fire Marshal; and

(e) Require the nonretail customer to submit a sworn statement, as defined in ORS 162.055, that the information supplied in the agreement is true and correct. [1991 c.863 §50; 1993 c.469 §7; 2001 c.328 §1]

**480.347 Use of gasoline dispensing device by emergency service volunteer; conditions.** Notwithstanding ORS 480.330 and 480.340, during an emergency as defined in ORS 401.025, the owner, operator or employee of a dispensing facility may permit nonretail customers, other than the owner, operator or employee, to use or manipulate at the dispensing facility a card activated or key activated device for dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids into the fuel tank of a vehicle or other container if:

(1) The owner or operator holds a current nonretail facility license issued by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.350;

(2) The fuel is dispensed to an emergency service agency as defined in ORS 401.025 or to an entity authorized by an emergency service agency to provide services during an emergency;

(3) The nonretail customer, other than the owner or operator, dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids is a qualified emergency service volunteer as defined in ORS 401.358 or an owner or employee of the entity authorized by the emergency service agency to provide services during an emergency and dispenses Class 1 flammable liquids only into the fuel tank of a vehicle or other container owned and used by the emergency service agency or the entity authorized by that agency to provide services during an emergency; and

(4) The nonretail customer, other than the owner, operator or employee, dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids satisfies safety training requirements in compliance with rules of the State Fire Marshal. [1999 c.456 §2; 2009 c.718 §26]

**480.349 Use of gasoline dispensing device by motorcycle operator.** (1) As used in this section, "motorcycle" has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.365.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 480.330 and 480.340:

(a) Upon the request of an operator of a motorcycle, the owner, operator or employee of a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary where Class 1 flammable liquids are dispensed at retail shall set the fuel dispensing device and hand the discharge nozzle to the operator of the motorcycle.

(b) An operator of a motorcycle who is handed a discharge nozzle under paragraph (a) of this subsection:

(A) May dispense Class 1 flammable liquids into the operator's motorcycle.

(B) Shall, after dispensing the liquids, return the discharge nozzle to the owner, operator or employee.

(3) The owner, operator or employee who is handed the discharge nozzle shall return the nozzle to the pump or take any other actions necessary to ensure safe completion of the fueling operation. [2001 c.344 §2]

**Note:** 480.349 was added to and made a part of 480.315 to 480.385 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**480.350 License required for operation of nonretail facility; application; fee; term; renewal; disposition of fees.** (1) Except as provided in ORS 480.355, a nonretail facility shall not operate without a license issued under this section.

(2) The State Fire Marshal shall issue a nonretail facility license to a person if the person submits an application to the State Fire Marshal on a form approved by the State Fire Marshal for each nonretail facility and the application includes:

(a) A statement that the applicant will comply with the requirements of ORS 480.345;

(b) A copy of the form that will be used by the applicant as the agreement required under ORS 480.345 between the applicant and nonretail customers permitted to dispense fuel at the nonretail facility;

(c) A sworn statement, as defined in ORS 162.055, that information supplied in the application is true and correct; and

(d) An application fee of \$250.

(3) The applicant for a nonretail facility license shall bear the burden of proof that the requirements of this section and of any rules of the State Fire Marshal adopted to implement this section are satisfied.

(4) In addition to any license or renewal fees, a licensee shall pay an annual fee of \$5 for each nonretail customer that enters into a written agreement with the owner or operator of the nonretail facility under ORS 480.345.

(5) A license issued under this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

(6) A license may be renewed upon payment to the State Fire Marshal of an annual license renewal fee of \$250.

(7) All fees received by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and shall be placed in the State Fire Marshal Fund. [1991 c.863 §51; 1995 c.79 §292]

**480.355 Conditional use license; qualifications; application; review of denial.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 480.345, upon application from the owner or operator of a nonretail facility, the State Fire Marshal may issue a conditional use license under which the nonretail facility may permit persons who are not qualified as nonretail customers under ORS 480.345 (2) to (4) to dispense Class 1 flammable liquids at a nonretail facility.

(2) In issuing a conditional use license, the State Fire Marshal may waive the nonretail customer requirements of ORS 480.345 (2) to (4), but may not waive safety training requirements contained in ORS 480.345.

(3) The State Fire Marshal may issue a conditional use license under this section if the State Fire Marshal determines that:

(a) There is no facility where Class 1 flammable liquids are dispensed by attendants at retail within seven miles of the nonretail facility, and other undue hardship conditions exist, as may be determined by the State Fire Marshal by rule; or

(b) The nonretail facility exists on property used as a private, nonprofit golf club not open to the general public and the private, nonprofit golf club members who are not qualified as nonretail customers use the nonretail facility only for the fueling of vehicles that are used exclusively on the property of the private, nonprofit golf club and are not designed for highway use.

(4) The State Fire Marshal shall consider comments of local residents or local government bodies to determine if undue hardship exists.

(5) The provisions of ORS 480.345 and 480.350 apply to a license application made under this section, except those provisions whose applicability is waived by the State Fire Marshal under this section.

(6) The applicant for a conditional use license shall bear the burden of proof that the requirements of this section and of any rules of the State Fire Marshal adopted pursuant to this section are satisfied.

(7) The State Fire Marshal shall investigate any application made under this section and hold at least one public hearing to determine if the conditional use license should be issued. The State Fire Marshal may waive the requirement for a hearing if the application for a conditional use license is made by a private, nonprofit golf club.

(8) Any person who makes application as provided for in this section, and whose application is denied, shall be entitled to a hearing upon request. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case hearing pursuant to the applicable provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.470.

(9) Judicial review of an order made after a hearing under subsection (7) of this section shall be as provided in ORS 183.480 to 183.497 for judicial review of contested cases. [1991 c.863 §56; 1995 s.s. c.3 §35; 1996 c.11 §2; 1997 c.463 §1; 1999 c.95 §1; 2001 c.104 §220; 2001 c.285 §3]

**480.360 Exemption from gallonage requirements of ORS 480.345.** Any person who was a customer of a facility that is issued a license under ORS 480.350 and was a customer on and since June 30, 1991, and who qualifies as a nonretail customer under the provisions of ORS 480.345, shall be exempt from the gallonage requirements set forth in ORS 480.345 (2). [1991 c.863 §50a]

**480.365 Suspension, revocation, refusal to issue or renew nonretail facility license; procedure.** In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the State Fire Marshal may revoke or suspend or may refuse to issue or renew a nonretail facility license if the State Fire Marshal finds that an applicant or a person to whom the license was issued:

(1) Falsified the application for the license; or

(2) Failed to comply with any provision of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 or any applicable rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal. [1991 c.863 §52]

**480.370 Subpoenas for investigation; effect of failure to comply.** (1) The State Fire Marshal may issue subpoenas to compel the production of records, documents, books, papers, memoranda or other information necessary to determine compliance with any provision of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 or any rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

(2) If a person fails to comply with any subpoena issued under subsection (1) of this section, a judge of the circuit court of any county, on application of the State Fire Marshal, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from the circuit court. [1991 c.863 §54]

**480.375 Safety inspection of facilities by State Fire Marshal; audit; investigation of law violations.** (1) The State Fire Marshal shall conduct an annual safety inspection at all nonretail and dual operations facilities dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids to determine if the facility is operating in compliance with the provisions of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 or of any applicable rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

(2) The State Fire Marshal shall conduct annual audits of at least five percent of all nonretail accounts to determine if nonretail facilities are in compliance with the provisions of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 and any applicable rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

(3) The State Fire Marshal shall have the same authority to enter into all buildings and upon all dispensing facilities for the purpose of inspection as is specified in ORS chapter 476 relating to inspection of fire hazards.

(4) Upon receiving a complaint, or upon the State Fire Marshal's own motion, the State Fire Marshal shall investigate whether a violation of any provision of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 or of any applicable rule of the State Fire Marshal has occurred. [1991 c.863 §53]

**480.380 Rules.** In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality, shall adopt rules:

(1) Necessary for the administration of ORS 480.315 to 480.385;

(2) Establishing standards for the design, construction, location, installation and operation of retail, automated or dual operations equipment for storing, handling and dispensing Class 1 flammable liquids at any dispensing facility; and

(3) Establishing standards for public and environmental safety in the operation of nonretail facilities and establishing safety training requirements for nonretail customers authorized to dispense Class 1 flammable liquids at nonretail facilities. [1991 c.863 §57]

**480.385 Civil penalty for gasoline dispensing law violations.** (1) The State Fire Marshal may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation of any provision of ORS 480.315 to 480.385 or of any applicable rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

(2) A civil penalty imposed under this section shall become due and payable 10 days after the order imposing the civil penalty becomes final by operation of law or on appeal. A person against whom a civil penalty is to be imposed shall be served with a notice



in the form provided in ORS 183.415. Service of the notice shall be accomplished in the manner provided by ORS 183.415.

(3) The person to whom the notice is addressed shall have 20 days from the date of service of the notice provided for in subsection (2) of this section in which to make written application for a hearing. If no application for a hearing is made, the State Fire Marshal may make a final order imposing the penalty.

(4) Any person who makes application as provided for in subsection (3) of this section shall be entitled to a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case hearing pursuant to the applicable provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.470.

(5) Judicial review of an order made after a hearing under subsection (4) of this section shall be as provided in ORS 183.480 to 183.497 for judicial review of contested cases.

(6) When an order assessing a civil penalty under this section becomes final by operation of law or on appeal, and the amount of penalty is not paid within 10 days after the order becomes final, the order may be recorded with the county clerk in any county of this state. The clerk shall thereupon record the name of the person incurring the penalty and the amount of the penalty in the County Clerk Lien Record.

(7) All amounts recovered under this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and shall be placed in the State Fire Marshal Fund. [1991 c.863 §55]

**480.390 Nonretail facilities at airports; rules.** (1) As used in this section, “nonretail facility” has the meaning given that term in ORS 480.310.

(2) A person may not construct or install a nonretail facility that dispenses aviation fuels at an airport unless the Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation permits the facility.

(3) The director may not permit the construction or installation of a nonretail facility unless the airport owner permits the facility.

(4) The director shall by rule establish a procedure to give permission for nonretail facilities that dispense aviation fuels at airports. [2001 c.285 §4]

**Note:** 480.390 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 480 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

## LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS

**480.410 Definition.** As used in ORS 480.420 to 480.460, “LP gas” or “liquefied petroleum gas” means any liquid composed predominately of any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures of the same: Propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes. [Amended by 1957 c.712 §1; 2009 c.790 §3]

**480.420 Liquefied petroleum gas rules and regulations; conformity with standards of National Fire Protection Association.** (1) The State Fire Marshal shall make, promulgate and enforce regulations establishing minimum general standards for the design, construction, location, installation and operation of equipment for storing, handling, transporting by tank truck or tank trailer and utilizing liquefied petroleum gases and specifying the degree of odorization of the gases, and shall establish standards and rules for the issuance, suspension and revocation of licenses and permits provided in ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(2) The regulations required shall be such as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the health, welfare and safety of the public and of persons using or handling such materials, and shall be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety relating to the same matter. Regulations in substantial conformity with the published standards of the National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 58 and pamphlet No. 59 for the design, installation and construction of containers and equipment thereto pertaining, for the storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases, including utility gas plants, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, and the published standards of the National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 54 for liquefied petroleum gas piping and appliance installations in buildings, shall be deemed to be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety relating to the same subject matter. [Amended by 1957 c.712 §2; 1961 c.477 §1; 1967 c.417 §26; 2009 c.790 §4]

**480.430 Liquefied petroleum gas containers; certain uses prohibited.** No person other than the owner of the container or receptacle and those authorized by the owner so to do, shall sell, fill, refill, deliver or permit to be delivered or used in any manner any liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle for any gas or compound or for any other purpose. [Amended by 1965 c.602 §25]

**480.432 Licenses required; exceptions.** (1) A person may not engage in or work at the business of installing, extending, altering or repairing any LP gas appliance or piping, vent or flue connection pertaining to or in

connection with LP gas installations within the state, either as employer or individual, unless the person has received an LP gas installation license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(2) A person may not do any LP gas fitting or gas venting work, install, repair or remodel any piping or venting or do any installation, repair service, connection or disconnection of any LP gas appliance that is subject to inspection under ORS 480.410 to 480.460 unless the person has received an LP gas fitter license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(3) A person may not operate any LP gas delivery equipment installed on a motorized vehicle unless the person has received an LP gas truck equipment license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(4) Any person under the terms of this section who is required to have an LP gas fitter or LP gas truck equipment license is also required to have an LP gas installation license, unless the person is an employee of an employer who has an LP gas installation license as provided by this section.

(5) A person who holds a valid journeyman plumber license under ORS 693.060 or who is in an approved journeyman plumber apprenticeship established under ORS 660.002 to 660.210 is exempt from the licensing requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, except that the apprentice or journeyman plumber may not install an LP gas tank or make any connection to an LP gas tank unless the apprentice or journeyman plumber is licensed as required under this section.

(6) A person who holds a license issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services under ORS 480.630 of a class that authorizes the person to fabricate, install, alter or repair pressure piping and to install boilers and pressure vessels by attachment of piping connector is exempt from the licensing requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, except that the person may not install an LP gas tank or make any connection to an LP gas tank unless the person is licensed as required under this section.

(7) Subsections (1) to (4) of this section do not apply to LP gas installations in a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle performed during the construction of the manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle, or the alteration or repair of an LP gas installation in a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle made pursuant to the manufacturer's warranty. [1957 c.712 §4; 1967

c.417 §27; 1999 c.558 §4; 1999 c.852 §1; 2001 c.104 §221; 2003 c.652 §1; 2005 c.758 §34]

**480.434 Examination of applicants for licenses; examination fee; issuance of license.** (1) The State Fire Marshal shall examine applicants for licenses required under ORS 480.410 to 480.460 as to their knowledge of LP gas, its properties, related equipment and applicable safety regulations. An applicant for examination must submit an examination application, accompanied by an examination fee of \$55, prior to the examination.

(2) LP gas fitters and drivers must be examined and obtain a license after not more than a 60-day probationary period of on-the-job training under licensed supervision.

(3) The State Fire Marshal shall examine LP gas installation license applicants regarding the applicable code and statutory responsibilities. The successful examination of one member of a firm or executive of a corporation at each business or dealership location fulfills the examination requirement on behalf of the firm or corporation. Each LP gas business or dealership location must obtain an LP gas installation license.

(4) If satisfied that the applicant has the requisite knowledge, the State Fire Marshal shall issue the appropriate license or licenses to the applicant, as provided in ORS 480.410 to 480.460. [1957 c.712 §5; 1967 c.417 §28; 1987 c.346 §1; 2003 c.652 §2; 2009 c.790 §5]

**480.435 Licenses; revocation; suspension; refusal to issue or renew.** In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the State Fire Marshal may revoke or suspend or may refuse to issue or renew a license required pursuant to ORS 480.410 to 480.460, or may place the licensee in a probationary status subject to specified conditions, if the State Fire Marshal finds that the person to whom the license was issued:

(1) Deliberately falsified the application form for the LP gas license or examination;

(2) Has committed a violation of ORS 162.305;

(3) Failed to comply with any provision of ORS 480.410 to 480.460, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto; or

(4) Failed to maintain the status required under ORS 480.434. [1987 c.346 §3]

**480.436 License fees; term of licenses; delinquency penalty.** (1) The annual fee for the LP gas installation license is \$120.

(2) The biennial fee for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license is \$50.

(3) All licenses must be renewed on or before a date specified by the State Fire Marshal. Unless revoked or suspended by the

State Fire Marshal for failure to comply with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460, an LP gas installation license continues in force for one year from the date of issuance and is not transferable. An LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license continues in force for two years from the date of issuance. The State Fire Marshal, by rule, may establish a system for staggered license expiration dates that includes prorated fees for periods of less than one year for an LP gas installation license and less than two years for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license.

(4) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the license fee amount or \$30 is imposed for the delinquency. [1957 c.712 §6; 1967 c.417 §29; 1973 c.832 §15; 1993 c.115 §1; 1995 c.79 §293; 1999 c.558 §1; 2003 c.652 §3; 2009 c.790 §6]

**Note:** The amendments to 480.436 by section 7, chapter 790, Oregon Laws 2009, become operative July 1, 2011. See section 12, chapter 790, Oregon Laws 2009. The text that is operative on and after July 1, 2011, is set forth for the user's convenience.

**480.436.** (1) The annual fee for the LP gas installation license is \$130.

(2) The biennial fee for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license is \$60.

(3) All licenses must be renewed on or before a date specified by the State Fire Marshal. Unless revoked or suspended by the State Fire Marshal for failure to comply with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460, an LP gas installation license continues in force for one year from the date of issuance. An LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license continues in force for two years from the date of issuance. The State Fire Marshal, by rule, may establish a system for staggered license expiration dates that includes prorated fees for periods of less than one year for an LP gas installation license and less than two years for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license.

(4) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the license fee amount or \$30 is imposed for the delinquency.

**480.440 Inspection of certain storage tanks; fee.** The State Fire Marshal shall annually inspect an installation of storage tanks located at dealers' plants. The State Fire Marshal may annually inspect an installation of tanks used for delivery purposes. The State Fire Marshal shall collect a fee of \$100 for each plant inspection and \$24 for each delivery unit inspection. [Amended by 1953 c.228 §4; 1957 c.712 §7; 1967 c.417 §30; 1973 c.832 §16; 1999 c.558 §2; 2003 c.652 §4]

**480.445 Regulation of liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle siting and installation.** (1) The regulation of liquefied petroleum gas containers or receptacles by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to

ORS 480.410 to 480.460 is not a program affecting land use under ORS 197.180.

(2) A local government may not regulate the siting, installation, maintenance or removal of a liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle regulated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS 480.410 to 480.460, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section or ORS 480.450 (7).

(3) A local government may:

(a) Regulate the siting and installation of a liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle with a capacity of more than 1,200 gallons or a group of containers and receptacles with an aggregate capacity of more than 4,000 gallons to protect the public health and safety.

(b) Regulate the siting and installation of liquefied petroleum gas containers or receptacles in a flood plain regulated by local ordinance.

(c) Regulate the siting and installation of liquefied petroleum gas containers or receptacles that are not accessory to an authorized or authorizable land use.

(d) Prohibit the siting and installation of liquefied petroleum gas containers or receptacles of specified types or sizes in specific zones within an urban growth boundary to protect the public health and safety.

(e) Regulate, through the local government's assistant to the State Fire Marshal as described in ORS 476.060, the placement of liquefied petroleum gas containers or receptacles for the purpose of fire prevention. [2005 c.88 §2; 2009 c.790 §8]

**Note:** 480.445 was added to and made a part of 480.410 to 480.460 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**480.450 Notice of new installations; fees; inspections after original inspection; notice of changes; correction of improper installations required.** (1) The installer shall notify the State Fire Marshal, before the last day of each month, of all new installations made during the preceding month of containers or receptacles for liquefied petroleum gas, including installations for private homes and apartments. The installer shall certify on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal that all of the new installations are duly and properly reported. The State Fire Marshal may require that the notification include the location and description of the installation and the name of the user. All fees due and payable must accompany the notification. The replacement of empty containers or receptacles with other containers constructed in accordance with United States Department of Transportation specifications is not a new installation or change

in the original installation that requires notification to the State Fire Marshal or necessitates further inspection of the installation. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the installer an installation fee of \$45 for each tank installed or for all tanks at the installation if the total combined capacity is 200 gallons or less. The State Fire Marshal or deputies of the fire marshal or assistants shall inspect a reasonable number of the installations and maintain a record of the inspections in the office of the State Fire Marshal.

(2) In addition to any installation or inspection fee, the State Fire Marshal may charge a plan review fee, not to exceed \$100, for any liquefied petroleum gas container and receptacle plan review required under a uniform fire code prescribed by the State Fire Marshal by rule.

(3) After the initial installation, liquefied petroleum gas containers may be inspected once every 10 years except when changes have been made in the original installation. An installer making changes must notify the State Fire Marshal of the changes in the same manner provided in this section for new installations. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the owner a fee of \$45 for the inspection of each container. The manner of inspection, requirement of corrections, satisfaction of requirements and collection of fees due and payable must conform with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460 for new installations. Upon request of the State Fire Marshal, LP gas installation licensees shall furnish a list of the locations of 10-year old installations that they service.

(4) If, upon inspection of any tank, the new installation does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal shall instruct the installer as to what corrections are necessary for compliance with the State Fire Marshal's requirements. The installer of the new installation shall, within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after notification, notify the State Fire Marshal that the new installation complies with the requirements of the fire marshal. If the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal has reason to believe that the corrections have not been made, the State Fire Marshal shall reinspect the new installation and shall collect from the installer an additional fee of \$100. The user, not the installer, shall pay the additional fee resulting from actions of the user that require correction to achieve compliance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

(5) A person who receives notice from the State Fire Marshal must correct any im-

proper installation within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after receipt of the notice.

(6) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, or if the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal by the last day of the month succeeding the month a new installation is made or a change is made requiring an inspection, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the fee amount or \$30, is imposed for the delinquency. The State Fire Marshal shall collect all fees and penalties in the name of the State of Oregon in the same manner that other debts are collected.

(7) The provisions of this section do not apply to liquefied petroleum gas installations if made entirely within the jurisdiction of a governmental subdivision granted the exemption provided by ORS 476.030 (3) and written evidence of the licensing of the installation by the approved authority is submitted to the State Fire Marshal. The provisions of this section do not apply to LP gas installations made in manufactured dwellings or recreational vehicles that are constructed or altered in accordance with applicable rules of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. [Amended by 1953 c.228 §4; 1957 c.712 §8; part renumbered 480.460; 1967 c.417 §31; 1973 c.832 §17; 1987 c.346 §4; 1987 c.414 §159a; 1993 c.18 §124; 1993 c.185 §33; 1995 c.79 §294; 1995 c.305 §1; 1999 c.558 §3; 2003 c.652 §5; 2009 c.790 §9]

**Note:** The amendments to 480.450 by section 10, chapter 790, Oregon Laws 2009, become operative July 1, 2011. See section 12, chapter 790, Oregon Laws 2009. The text that is operative on and after July 1, 2011, is set forth for the user's convenience.

**480.450.** (1) The installer shall notify the State Fire Marshal, before the last day of each month, of all new installations made during the preceding month of containers or receptacles for liquefied petroleum gas, including installations for private homes and apartments. The installer shall certify on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal that all of the new installations are duly and properly reported. The State Fire Marshal may require that the notification include the location and description of the installation and the name of the user. All fees due and payable must accompany the notification. The replacement of empty containers or receptacles with other containers constructed in accordance with United States Department of Transportation specifications is not a new installation or change in the original installation that requires notification to the State Fire Marshal or necessitates further inspection of the installation. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the installer an installation fee of \$50 for each tank installed or for all tanks at the installation if the total combined capacity is 200 gallons or less. The State Fire Marshal or deputies of the fire marshal or assistants shall inspect a reasonable number of the installations and maintain a record of the inspections in the office of the State Fire Marshal.

(2) In addition to any installation or inspection fee, the State Fire Marshal may charge a plan review fee, not to exceed \$100, for any liquefied petroleum gas container and receptacle plan review required under a

uniform fire code prescribed by the State Fire Marshal by rule.

(3) After the initial installation, liquefied petroleum gas containers may be inspected once every 10 years except when changes have been made in the original installation. An installer making changes must notify the State Fire Marshal of the changes in the same manner provided in this section for new installations. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the owner a fee of \$50 for the inspection of each container. The manner of inspection, requirement of corrections, satisfaction of requirements and collection of fees due and payable must conform with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460 for new installations. Upon request of the State Fire Marshal, LP gas installation licensees shall furnish a list of the locations of 10-year old installations that they service.

(4) If, upon inspection of any tank, the new installation does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal shall instruct the installer as to what corrections are necessary for compliance with the State Fire Marshal's requirements. The installer of the new installation shall, within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after notification, notify the State Fire Marshal that the new installation complies with the requirements of the fire marshal. If the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal has reason to believe that the corrections have not been made, the State Fire Marshal shall reinspect the new installation and shall collect from the installer an additional fee of \$125. The user, not the installer, shall pay the additional fee resulting from actions of the user that require correction to achieve compliance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

(5) A person who receives notice from the State Fire Marshal must correct any improper installation within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after receipt of the notice.

(6) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, or if the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal by the last day of the month succeeding the month a new installation is made or a change is made requiring an inspection, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the fee amount or \$30, is imposed for the delinquency. The State Fire Marshal shall collect all fees and penalties in the name of the State of Oregon in the same manner that other debts are collected.

(7) The provisions of this section do not apply to liquefied petroleum gas installations if made entirely within the jurisdiction of a governmental subdivision granted the exemption provided by ORS 476.030 (3) and written evidence of the licensing of the installation by the approved authority is submitted to the State Fire Marshal. The provisions of this section do not apply to LP gas installations made in manufactured dwellings or recreational vehicles that are constructed or altered in accordance with applicable rules of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

**480.460 Disposition of fees.** All fees received by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.410 to 480.460 shall be paid by the fire marshal to the State Treasurer monthly and shall constitute and be an appropriation available for the payment of salaries and expenses of deputies and clerical and other assistants of the State Fire Marshal. [Formerly part of 480.450; 1973 c.832 §18]

## BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS

**480.510 Short title.** ORS 480.510 to 480.670 may be cited as the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Law. [1961 c.485 §1; 1969 c.582 §1; 1983 c.676 §2]

**480.515 Definitions for ORS 480.510 to 480.670.** As used in ORS 480.510 to 480.670, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Alteration" means a change or addition to equipment, other than the ordinary repair or replacement of an existing part of the equipment.

(2) "Board" means the Board of Boiler Rules created under ORS 480.535.

(3) "Boiler" or "boilers" means:

(a) A closed vessel or vessels intended for the heating or vaporizing of liquids to be used externally to such vessel or vessels by the application of heat from combustible fuels, electricity or nuclear energy;

(b) Related appurtenances including but not limited to pressure piping directly connected and related to the safe operation of a boiler; and

(c) Pressure piping consisting of boiler or nonboiler external piping connected to a boiler, but not potable water nonboiler external piping.

(4) "Boiler external piping" has the meaning given the term in the 1986 Pressure Piping Code B 31.1, adopted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

(5) "Certificate of competency" means a certificate issued under the provisions of ORS 480.565 (3).

(6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(7) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(8) "Installation permit" means a permit issued by the department for the installation, alteration or repair of a boiler or pressure vessel.

(9) "Minimum safety standards" means the rules, regulations, formulae, definitions and interpretations for the safe construction, installation, operation and repair of boilers and pressure vessels either adopted by ORS 480.510 to 480.670 or adopted by the board, under ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(10) "Nonboiler external piping" has the meaning given the term in the 1986 Pressure Piping Code B 31.1, adopted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

(11) "Operating permit" means a permit issued by the department authorizing the operation of a boiler or pressure vessel.

(12) "Pressure vessel" means containers for the containment of pressure, either internal or external. This pressure may be obtained from an external source or by the application of heat from a direct or indirect source, or any combination thereof.

(13) "Related appurtenances" means any equipment instrumental to the safe operation of a boiler or pressure vessel.

(14) "Shop inspection" means an inspection at a boiler or pressure vessel manufacturing, construction or repair facility.

(15) "Temporary operation authorization" means an authorization issued by the department to operate a boiler or pressure vessel for a specified period pending the issuance of an operating permit. [1961 c.485 §3; 1969 c.582 §2; 1971 c.753 §58; 1973 c.830 §1; 1983 c.676 §3; 1987 c.414 §35; 1991 c.518 §2; 1993 c.744 §142; 2007 c.487 §3; 2009 c.696 §11]

**480.520 Purpose of ORS 480.510 to 480.670.** The purpose of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 is to protect the safety of the people of Oregon and to protect property situated in Oregon from the hazard of fires and explosions caused by boilers and pressure vessels. To accomplish this purpose the Legislative Assembly intends by ORS 480.510 to 480.670 to provide a system:

(1) For determining where and by whom boilers and pressure vessels are being constructed, installed, repaired, used and operated.

(2) To ensure that only qualified persons do welding on boilers and on pressure vessels.

(3) To ensure that boilers and pressure vessels are manufactured, installed, repaired, operated, inspected and maintained so as to meet the minimum safety standards formulated and promulgated by the Board of Boiler Rules.

(4) For the administration and enforcement of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the board.

(5) To defray the cost of administration and the cost of enforcing ORS 480.510 to 480.670 by establishing fees to be charged for:

- (a) Issuing operating permits;
- (b) Issuing installation permits;
- (c) Giving examinations; and

(d) Making inspections. [1961 c.485 §2; 1969 c.583 §3; 1983 c.676 §4; 2007 c.487 §4; 2009 c.696 §12]

**480.525 Exempt vessels; rules; fee.** (1) ORS 480.510 to 480.670 do not apply to:

(a) Boilers and pressure vessels under federal safety regulations or control.

(b) Domestic water heaters designed for heating potable water, equipped with an ap-

proved pressure-relieving device, containing only water and that do not exceed a:

(A) Capacity of 120 gallons;

(B) Water temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit;

(C) Pressure of 150 pounds per square inch gauge pressure; or

(D) Heat input of 200,000 BTU per hour.

(c) Domestic water heaters designed to create hot water instantaneously on demand without the use of a storage tank.

(d) Pressure vessels containing liquefied petroleum gas that are under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal. However, the construction and repair of the vessels must comply with ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Boiler Rules.

(e) Air tanks used in the operation of brakes on self-propelled vehicles and trailers that are used for transporting freight or passengers.

(f) Medical sterilizers that do not exceed one and one-half cubic feet in volume.

(g) Pressure vessels that do not exceed one and one-half cubic feet in volume and:

(A) Are not operated at gauge pressure of more than 150 pounds per square inch;

(B) Are equipped with a relief valve;

(C) Are approved under the American Society of Mechanical Engineers code adopted by the board;

(D) Are set at a maximum pressure of 150 pounds per square inch or less; and

(E) Are located in a place of public assembly.

(h) Pressure vessels that do not exceed five cubic feet in volume and:

(A) Are not operated at gauge pressure of more than 150 pounds per square inch;

(B) Are equipped with a relief valve;

(C) Are approved under the American Society of Mechanical Engineers code adopted by the board; and

(D) Are set at a maximum pressure of 150 pounds per square inch or less.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the board, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, determines that danger to health or safety is evident in any pressure vessel or class of pressure vessels exempted under subsection (1)(g) of this section, the board may require the inspection or reinspection of the pressure vessel or class of pressure vessels and make the pressure vessel or class of pressure vessels subject to the fee, construction or other requirements of ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(3) The following boilers and pressure vessels are exempt from ORS 480.510 to 480.670, except as to all provisions relating to construction, installation, alteration or repair and to installation permits:

(a) Boilers that are not operated at gauge pressures of more than 15 pounds per square inch and that are located on farms and used solely for agricultural purposes except when used in connection with a greenhouse.

(b) Air tanks located on farms and used solely for agricultural purposes.

(c) Boilers and pressure vessels that are located in private residences and may be inspected only by a boiler inspector.

(d) Pressure vessels being operated at gauge pressures of less than 15 pounds per square inch and equipped with a pressure relief device set to open at a pressure that does not exceed the lesser of the pressure vessel's maximum allowed working pressure or 15 pounds per square inch gauge pressure.

(4)(a) Beverage service tanks that have a product volume of five cubic feet or less are exempt from ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, beverage service tanks that have a product volume of more than five cubic feet are exempt from ORS 480.510 to 480.670, except as to provisions relating to installation permits and installation inspections. The installation permit fee for a beverage service tank is \$50.

(c) All portable beverage tanks are exempt from ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt rules identifying boilers and pressure vessels used in single family dwellings or other structures that may be inspected by an inspector certified under ORS 455.715 to 455.740 for a specialty code other than the code adopted under ORS 480.545. The boilers and pressure vessels identified in the rules shall be subject to inspection upon installation, alteration or repair, but be exempt from periodic inspection under ORS 480.560 and from the operating permit requirements of ORS 480.585.

(6) Notwithstanding any requirement of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 or the state building code, the Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt rules granting partial or complete exemption from ORS 480.510 to 480.670 for a boiler or pressure vessel if the board determines that the boiler or pressure vessel does not present a danger to public health or safety within this state. [1961 c.485 §11; 1967 c.447 §1; 1969 c.582 §4; 1973 c.830 §2; 1983 c.676 §5; 1985 c.398 §1; 1987 c.847 §1; 1991 c.518 §6; 1999 c.713 §1; 2007 c.386 §1; 2007 c.487 §5; 2009 c.696 §13]

**480.530 Powers and duties of department.** The Department of Consumer and Business Services may:

(1) Where it appears that a person is engaging in or is about to engage in an act or practice in violation of any provision of ORS 480.510 to 480.670, obtain without furnishing a bond, a restraining order and injunction from the circuit court in the county where the act or practice is occurring, or is threatened, enjoining the act or practice. However, before obtaining a restraining order and injunction, unless the act or practice constitutes an immediate threat to health and safety, the department shall first notify the person concerned of the department's intentions. The notice shall be in writing, shall advise the person concerned of the department's intentions and shall advise the person concerned of the right to appeal in writing within 10 days and that the appeal will be heard by the Board of Boiler Rules. In case there is a timely request for an appeal, proceedings will be stayed pending the appeal, unless the act or practice constitutes an immediate menace to health or safety or the person concerned fails to prosecute the appeal with diligence.

(2) Keep a complete record of the types, dimensions, maximum allowable working pressures, age, location and date of the last recorded inspection of all boilers and pressure vessels to which ORS 480.510 to 480.670 apply.

(3) Publish and distribute copies of the rules and regulations.

(4) Check or cause to be checked the authenticity, appropriateness and expiration dates of licenses and certificates issued under ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(5) Administer written, oral or practical examinations to all applicants for certification as chief boiler inspector, deputy inspector or special inspector under ORS 480.565. [1961 c.485 §13; 1969 c.582 §5; 1971 c.753 §59; 1983 c.676 §6; 1991 c.518 §3; 2007 c.71 §162]

**480.535 Board of Boiler Rules; members; duties; qualifications; confirmation; rules.** (1) The Board of Boiler Rules is established in the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Governor shall appoint the board, which shall formulate and promulgate rules under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 for the safe construction, installation, inspection, operation, maintenance and repair of boilers and pressure vessels in this state and review determinations made by its staff concerning boilers and pressure vessels.

(2) Eleven persons shall constitute the board, consisting of:

(a) One person who is an owner and user or who is a representative and employee of

an owner and user of a high pressure boiler in Oregon and who has had practical experience with high pressure boilers;

(b) One person who is a manufacturer or who is a representative and employee of a manufacturer of boilers or of pressure vessels in Oregon;

(c) One person who is regularly engaged in the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels and who is employed by an insurer who may and does write policies of boiler and pressure vessels explosion insurance in Oregon;

(d) One person who is a mechanical engineer registered by the State of Oregon;

(e) One person who is a boilermaker;

(f) One person who is the owner and user or who is a representative and employee of an owner and user of a low pressure boiler in Oregon;

(g) One person who is the owner and user or who is a representative and employee of an owner and user of a pressure vessel in Oregon and who has had practical experience with pressure vessels;

(h) One person who is an owner or employee of a business engaged in the installation and repair of boilers;

(i) One person who is a steamfitter;

(j) One person who is a practical steam operating engineer; and

(k) One person who is a member of the public not otherwise eligible for appointment to the board.

(3) A member of the board who does not continue to meet the qualifications for board membership under subsection (2) of this section during the member's term may not be appointed to a subsequent term.

(4) The appointment of a member of the board is subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III of the Oregon Constitution. [1961 c.485 §4; 1969 c.582 §6; 1971 c.753 §60; 1983 c.676 §7; 1991 c.518 §1; 1993 c.744 §142a; 2001 c.512 §1]

**480.540 Term of members; removal; meetings; compensation and expenses.** (1) The term of office of a member of the Board of Boiler Rules is four years and no member shall be eligible for appointment to more than two full terms of office. A member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

(2) In addition to ORS 480.545 and 480.615, the Board of Boiler Rules shall be governed by the following:

(a) The board shall meet not less than four times a year.

(b) The chief boiler inspector shall serve without a vote as secretary of the board.

(c) The Governor may remove any member of the board for cause.

(3) Each member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [1961 c.485 §5; 1969 c.314 §54; 1983 c.676 §8; 1993 c.744 §143; 2007 c.71 §163]

**480.545 Rules; minimum safety standards; fees.** (1) Under ORS chapter 183 the Board of Boiler Rules may adopt and enforce rules and minimum safety standards to carry out ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and adopt standards for persons performing welding on boilers and pressure vessels.

(2) All proceedings in the administration of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 shall be conducted under ORS chapter 183 and, additionally, where applicable, under ORS 480.615.

(3) In addition to the rules otherwise provided, and subject to ORS chapter 183, the board shall adopt rules concerning the times, dates, frequency and manner of giving notice to interested persons of intention to consider one or more of the things which the board may consider under this section.

(4) All rules and minimum safety standards adopted under this section shall be reasonable and in substantial conformity with generally accepted nationwide engineering standards. In adopting rules the board shall consider the probability, extent and gravity of injuries to health and property which would result from the failure to adopt the standards being considered and the standards followed, proposed or approved by members of affected industries.

(5) The board shall adopt rules establishing a continuing education requirement for persons described in ORS 480.630 (8) and fees necessary for the administration and enforcement of the continuing education requirement.

(6) Any rule adopted by the board under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 shall be submitted to the Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services. The director shall have 30 calendar days from the date of adoption of the rules to review them. If the director fails to disapprove the rules within the 30-day period, the rules become effective in accordance with their terms and as provided by law. If the director disapproves the rules within the 30-day period, the rules immediately shall be returned to the board with the director's written objections, and the rules do not become effective until approved by the director. [1961 c.485 §7; 1969 c.582 §7; 1983 c.676 §9; 1991 c.518 §4; 2001 c.678 §1; 2007 c.271 §8]



**480.550 Minimum safety standards; effect on existing vessels; application of subsequent amendments.** (1) Until different rules are adopted, there is adopted as the minimum safety standards for boilers and pressure vessels the published codification of standard engineering practices and formulae known as the "Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers," together with the published revisions and interpretations thereof in effect as of January 1, 1969.

(2) Any vessel in use on July 1, 1961, or in use on the effective date of any adoption of different rules, shall be deemed to meet the minimum safety standards so long as the same use continues and no change occurs which would reduce the safety of its operation. Provided that if the Board of Boiler Rules finds that there is a variation from the minimum safety standards which is dangerous to health or safety, it may order that all vessels having a like variation be brought into conformity with the rules created under this section, or adopted after July 1, 1961, without variation.

(3) The Board of Boiler Rules shall adopt minimum safety standards for pressure piping substantially equal to the published codification of standard engineering practices and formulae known as the "Code for Pressure Piping" of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, numbered B 31.1, B 31.3, B 31.5, B 31.7 and B 31.9 together with the published revisions and interpretations thereof. [1961 c.485 §8; 1969 c.582 §8; 1973 c.830 §3; 1983 c.676 §9a; 1999 c.823 §1]

**480.555 Prohibitions relating to non-conforming vessels; exemptions.** (1) Except as provided in ORS 480.525 (1), a person may not:

(a) Make or direct the construction, installation, repair or alteration of a boiler or pressure vessel that does not meet minimum safety standards.

(b) Lend, rent out, or offer to lend or to rent out, sell, offer for sale, or dispose of by gift or otherwise, for operation, a boiler or pressure vessel that does not meet the minimum safety standards.

(c) Use, or attempt to use, a boiler or pressure vessel that fails to meet the minimum safety standards.

(d) Make any installation of a boiler or pressure vessel or repair thereon affecting the strength or safety thereof without notifying the chief boiler inspector as prescribed by rules promulgated under ORS 480.545.

(2) Nothing in this section restricts the construction of boilers or pressure vessels in Oregon that are installed outside Oregon and that do not conform to the provisions of ORS

480.510 to 480.670. [1961 c.485 §9; 1967 c.447 §5; 1969 c.582 §9; 1983 c.676 §10; 1991 c.518 §7; 2007 c.71 §164]

**480.557** [Formerly 447.135; 1987 c.847 §2; 1991 c.518 §8; repealed by 1999 c.712 §1 and 1999 c.713 §2]

**480.560 Inspections; testing; rules.** (1) The Board of Boiler Rules shall adopt rules to provide for the inspection of the installation, operation and condition of boilers and pressure vessels that are used or proposed for use in this state and not made exempt from periodic inspection under ORS 480.510 to 480.670.

(2) Pressure piping that is nonboiler external piping, but that excludes potable water nonboiler external piping, shall be inspected on installation only and may not thereafter be considered as part of the boiler for the purposes of any subsequent inspections required by this section.

(3) If a hydrostatic test is necessary to determine the safety of a boiler or pressure vessel, the test shall be made by the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel and witnessed by a deputy or special inspector.

(4) All boilers and pressure vessels to be installed in this state shall be inspected during construction:

(a) By an inspector authorized to inspect boilers in this state or authorized under ORS 455.715 to 455.740 to perform inspections of boilers and pressure vessels identified by rule as provided in ORS 480.525 (5); or

(b) If constructed outside of the state, by an inspector holding a certificate of competency issued by a state that has a standard of examination substantially equal to that of this state. [1961 c.485 §17; 1969 c.582 §10; 1973 c.830 §3a; 1983 c.676 §11; 1991 c.518 §9; 2007 c.487 §6; 2009 c.696 §14]

**480.565 Chief and deputy inspectors; special inspectors.** The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall:

(1) Appoint a chief boiler inspector who has had practical experience in the construction, maintenance, repair or operation of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, practical steam operating engineer, boilermaker or boiler inspector and who:

(a) Has passed a written examination, which shall be confined to questions the answers to which will aid in determining the fitness and competency of the applicant to inspect boilers and pressure vessels; or

(b) Holds a certificate of competency as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels issued by a state that has standards of examination equal to those of the State of Oregon and that recognizes certificates of competency issued by the State of Oregon, and has passed an examination that assesses

the applicant's knowledge of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and the rules adopted thereunder.

(2) Appoint deputy inspectors who shall be responsible to the chief boiler inspector and who shall have qualified as provided in subsection (1) of this section, except that less practical experience shall be required.

(3) Issue a certificate of competency as a special inspector to any individual who qualifies as provided in subsection (1) of this section, except that no more practical experience shall be required than is required of a deputy inspector, and who is continuously employed by:

(a) An insurer who may and does write policies of boiler and pressure vessel insurance in Oregon; or

(b) Any person operating pressure vessels in this state whose service, personnel, equipment and supervision meet the requirements prescribed by the Board of Boiler Rules. [1961 c.485 §12; 1969 c.582 §11; 1971 c.753 §61; 1991 c.518 §13; 2007 c.71 §165]

**480.570 Inspections by special inspectors or others; effect on permit fees; exempt boilers and vessels.** (1) A special inspector receiving a certificate of competency under ORS 480.565 (3)(b) may not inspect under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 any boiler or pressure vessel not used or not to be used by the employer of the special inspector.

(2) If a special inspector holds a certificate of competency issued under ORS 480.565 (3)(a), the special inspector:

(a) May conduct shop inspections of boilers and pressure vessels manufactured or to be installed in this state whether or not the boilers or pressure vessels are insured or will be insured by the employer of the special inspector; and

(b) Upon being notified that the boilers or pressure vessels are ready for inspection, shall perform all installation and operating inspections required under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 on boilers and pressure vessels that are operated or insured by the special inspector's employer.

(3) A boiler contractor licensed under ORS 480.630 that performs an alteration or repair on a boiler or pressure vessel shall utilize the services of:

(a) An authorized inspector certified under this chapter with whom the contractor has an agreement for inspection of the alteration or repair;

(b) A special inspector of an insurance company with which the contractor has an inspection contract; or

(c) A designated inspector who is authorized to inspect the alteration or repair.

(4) A special inspector's certificate of competency remains in force only while the special inspector is continuously employed by one of the persons mentioned in ORS 480.565 (3).

(5) If a boiler or pressure vessel is inspected by a special inspector as provided in this section, the boiler or pressure vessel is subject to the installation permit and operating permit fees described in ORS 480.600 (2) instead of the installation permit and operating permit fees established under ORS 480.595.

(6) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may cause a deputy inspector to inspect or reinspect all boilers and pressure vessels that a special inspector is authorized or required to inspect. However, the deputy inspector may not conduct an internal inspection or reinspection unless:

(a) There is a question as to whether or not the boiler or pressure vessel meets the minimum safety standards; and

(b) The special inspector who made the original inspection, or the employer of the special inspector, is given reasonable notice and opportunity to be present during the internal inspection or reinspection.

(7) Subsections (1) to (6) of this section do not apply to boilers or pressure vessels located in a residential structure that contains fewer than six dwelling units. [1961 c.485 §14; 1969 c.582 §12; 1983 c.676 §12; 1991 c.518 §5; 2007 c.487 §7; 2009 c.696 §15]

**480.575** [1961 c.485 §15; 1969 c.582 §13; 1983 c.676 §13; 1999 c.598 §1; 2001 c.104 §222; repealed by 2005 c.758 §56]

**480.580 Access to buildings and premises by inspectors.** (1) The chief boiler inspector or any deputy inspector may, at all reasonable hours, in performance of the duties imposed by the provisions of ORS 480.510 to 480.670, enter into all buildings and upon all premises, except private residences, for the purpose of inspecting any boiler or pressure vessel that is covered by ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and that the chief boiler inspector or the deputy inspector has reasonable cause to believe is located therein.

(2) No person shall interfere with or prevent any such inspection by the chief boiler inspector or a deputy inspector. [1961 c.485 §16; 1969 c.582 §14; 1983 c.676 §14; 2007 c.71 §166]

**480.585 Temporary operation authorization; operating permit; suspension or revocation.** (1) After a boiler or pressure vessel has successfully passed an installation inspection, the Department of Consumer and Business Services may issue a temporary operation authorization. The boiler or pressure vessel covered by the temporary operation authorization may only be operated during

the period specified in the temporary operation authorization.

(2) An operating permit for a boiler or pressure vessel shall specify the maximum pressure under which the boiler or pressure vessel may be operated.

(3) The department may at any time suspend or revoke an operating permit if the department finds that the boiler or pressure vessel, or related appurtenances, for which the permit was issued does not comply with ORS 480.510 to 480.670. Suspension of any permit continues in effect until the vessel conforms to ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and the permit is reissued. However, before suspending or revoking a permit, the department shall first notify the person concerned of the department's intention. The notice must be in writing and advise the person concerned of the right to appeal in writing within 10 days and that the appeal will be heard by the Board of Boiler Rules. If there is a timely appeal, the department may not suspend or revoke the permit pending the appeal unless the reason for suspension or revocation constitutes an immediate menace to health or safety or the person concerned fails to prosecute an appeal with diligence.

(4)(a) Except as provided in ORS 480.510 to 480.670, a person may not operate a boiler or pressure vessel unless a valid temporary operation authorization or valid operating permit issued under this section is attached to the boiler or pressure vessel or posted in a conspicuous place in the room where the boiler or pressure vessel is located.

(b) A person may not permit or suffer the operation of a boiler or pressure vessel on property the person owns, controls, manages or supervises unless a valid temporary operation authorization or valid operating permit issued under this section is attached to the boiler or pressure vessel or posted in a conspicuous place in the room where the boiler or pressure vessel is located.

(c) The owner or lessee or person having possession of a boiler or pressure vessel may not permit or suffer the operation of the boiler or pressure vessel unless a valid temporary operation authorization or valid operating permit issued under this section is attached to the boiler or pressure vessel or posted in a conspicuous place in the room where the boiler or pressure vessel is located.

(5) The board may adopt rules waiving provisions of this section. [1961 c.485 §18; 1967 c.447 §2; 1969 c.582 §15; 1983 c.676 §15; 1993 c.744 §144; 2005 c.22 §367; 2007 c.487 §8; 2009 c.696 §16]

**480.590** [1961 c.485 §10; repealed by 1983 c.676 §31]

**480.595 Permits; rules; fees.** (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt rules regarding installation permits and operating permits. The rules may include, but need not be limited to, rules creating standardized forms, establishing operating permit fees, establishing permit cycles and setting terms and conditions for permit validity.

(2) Upon timely receipt of an installation permit fee, the department may issue an installation permit, perform an installation inspection and issue a temporary operating authorization.

(3) Upon timely receipt of an operating permit fee, the department may issue or renew an operating permit and may perform a periodic inspection if required during the operating permit cycle.

(4) Except as provided in ORS 480.525 and 480.600, installation permit fees are as follows:

(a) For boilers, \$175.

(b) For pressure vessels, \$125.

(5) Except as provided in ORS 480.600, maximum operating permit fees per year are as follows:

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| (a) Power boilers of 15 horsepower or less  | \$110 |
| (b) Other boilers of 15 horsepower or less  | \$ 55 |
| (c) Power boilers greater than 15 horsepower to 100 horsepower                      | \$110 |
| (d) Other boilers greater than 15 horsepower to 100 horsepower                      | \$ 55 |
| (e) Power boilers greater than 100 horsepower to 500 horsepower                     | \$110 |
| (f) Other boilers greater than 100 horsepower to 500 horsepower                     | \$ 55 |
| (g) Power boilers greater than 500 horsepower                                       | \$110 |
| (h) Other boilers greater than 500 horsepower                                       | \$ 55 |
| (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (h) of this subsection, all cast iron boilers | \$ 55 |
| (j) Pressure vessels having a product volume of 20 cubic feet or less               | \$ 50 |
| (k) Pressure vessels having a product volume greater than 20 cubic feet             | \$ 50 |

(6) For a reinspection, the fee is \$75.

(7) For the submission of plans and other pertinent data when required, for each boiler or pressure vessel, the fee is \$78. [1961 c.485 §19; 1967 c.447 §3; 1969 c.582 §16; 1973 c.830 §6; 1973 c.832 §18a; 1974 c.36 §17; 1981 c.566 §2; 1983 c.676 §16; 1991 c.201 §3; 2001 c.162 §1; 2007 c.487 §9; 2009 c.696 §17]

**480.600 Special provisions on permit and inspection fees; notice from insurer.**

(1) For a quantity of boilers or pressure vessels operated at the same locations, each op-

erating permit fee under ORS 480.595 issued at the same location is \$75.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 480.595 and except as provided in this subsection, the installing, altering or repairing contractor or the owner or user of any boiler or pressure vessel that is inspected under ORS 480.570 (1) or (2) shall pay an installation permit fee of \$40 and an operating permit fee of \$40. The Department of Consumer and Business Services may establish operating permit cycles by rule. The department may require payment of an installation or operating permit fee as provided in ORS 480.595 if the department finds that the boiler or pressure vessel is in violation of the minimum safety standards.

(3) If an insurance company notifies its insured that the insurance company will no longer insure a boiler or pressure vessel, or that insurance on a boiler or pressure vessel is no longer in force, the insurance company shall also notify the chief boiler inspector, in a form and manner prescribed by the chief boiler inspector, of the description and vessel registration numbers of the boilers or pressure vessels for which insurance is canceled or suspended or is not to be renewed.

(4) If an owner or user of a boiler or pressure vessel fails to pay any fee required by this chapter within 90 days after the billing date, the department may consider the fee delinquent and double the amount of the fee. The court may award reasonable attorney fees to the department if the department prevails in an action to collect a fee required by this chapter. The court may award reasonable attorney fees to a defendant who prevails in an action to collect a fee required by this chapter if the court determines that the department had no objectively reasonable basis for asserting the claim or no reasonable basis for appealing an adverse decision of the trial court. [1961 c.485 §21; 1967 c.447 §4; 1969 c.582 §17; 1973 c.830 §7; 1973 c.832 §18b; 1974 c.36 §18; 1981 c.566 §3; 1981 c.897 §57; 1983 c.676 §17; 1991 c.201 §4; 1991 c.518 §18; 1995 c.696 §25; 1999 c.711 §1; 2007 c.487 §10; 2009 c.696 §18]

**480.605 Miscellaneous fees.** The Department of Consumer and Business Services may:

(1) Collect fees for shop inspections, or for inspections, testing, consultations, site visits or other services for which no fee is otherwise specified, in the amount of \$75 per hour of travel and inspection time.

(2) Collect a fee for welding and inspectors' examinations and for the renewal of inspectors' certifications. The Board of Boiler Rules shall fix amount of the fee. [1961 c.485 §22; 1969 c.582 §18; 1973 c.830 §8; 1993 c.744 §145; 2007 c.271 §9; 2009 c.696 §19]

**480.607** [1983 c.676 §20b; 1991 c.703 §16; 2001 c.678 §2; 2005 c.758 §35; 2007 c.487 §11; repealed by 2009 c.696 §26]

**480.610 Disposition of fees.** All receipts from fees, charges, costs and expenses under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 shall be collected by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and paid into the Consumer and Business Services Fund created by ORS 705.145. Such moneys shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of ORS 480.510 to 480.670. [1961 c.485 §23; 1973 c.834 §42; 1983 c.676 §18; 1993 c.744 §146]

**480.615 Appeals.** (1) The Board of Boiler Rules shall hear the appeal of an appellant who:

(a) Has filed a timely written request and:

(A) Has received notice that a restraining order or injunction will be sought;

(B) Has received notice that an installation permit or operating permit will be suspended or revoked; or

(C) Is affected by either of such notices; or

(b) Has filed a written request and who has reason to desire a change in the minimum safety standards or the rules.

(2) The board shall set the time and place for hearing and give the appellant 10 days' written notice.

(3) The board shall hear an appeal within three months after receipt of the request. However, if an immediate menace to health or safety is involved, the board shall hear the appeal within 20 days after receipt of the request.

(4)(a) Two or more appeals may be consolidated for hearing, if based upon substantially the same facts.

(b) The board and the appellant may subpoena witnesses, who shall receive the same compensation and mileage pay as circuit court witnesses.

(c) The board shall keep a written or recorded record. [1961 c.485 §26; 1983 c.676 §19; 1991 c.518 §10; 2007 c.71 §167; 2007 c.487 §12; 2009 c.696 §20]

**480.630 Licensing of boiler contractors and persons installing, altering or repairing boilers or pressure vessels; installation permits; fees; continuing education.** (1) A person engaging in the business of installing, repairing or altering boilers or pressure vessels must possess a boiler contractor license issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(2) A person who installs, repairs or alters boilers or pressure vessels as the employee or agent of a business engaged in the installation, repair or alteration of boilers or

pressure vessels must possess an employee or agent license issued by the department.

(3) The chief boiler inspector may conduct examinations for licensing an employee or agent of a business to establish the competency of the applicant.

(4) Upon payment of the applicable application fee, the department shall issue a license to an applicant who qualifies as provided in rules adopted under ORS 455.117 by the Board of Boiler Rules. Upon payment of the applicable renewal application fee, the department shall renew the license of a person who complies with ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and the rules adopted by the board under ORS 455.117 or 480.545. The fee to apply for or renew a license is:

(a) \$27.50 per year for an employee or agent license.

(b) \$165 per year for a boiler contractor license.

(5) A person required to be licensed under this section may not install, alter or repair a boiler or pressure vessel unless an installation permit is first secured from the department. The department shall issue permits only to persons possessing a valid boiler contractor license or as provided by the department by rule.

(6) If an emergency exists, a permit under subsection (5) of this section is not required in advance for boiler or pressure vessel installations or repair, provided that an application accompanied by the appropriate fee for the permit is submitted to the department within five days after the commencing of the boiler or pressure vessel work.

(7) The license and examination requirements of this section and ORS 480.632 do not apply when a person is brought in from out of state to repair or alter a boiler or pressure vessel utilizing special tools or a special process for which that person is uniquely qualified. The activity shall be limited solely to the special process and the person performing the work shall have qualifications that meet or exceed license standards as determined by the chief boiler inspector. The chief boiler inspector shall be notified prior to performance of any work under this subsection.

(8) If a license issued under subsection (4) of this section is of a class that authorizes a person to perform work equivalent to that performed by pressure vessel installers, building service mechanics, boilermakers or pressure piping mechanics, the person must comply with continuing education requirements. [1973 c.830 §4; 1983 c.676 §20; 1987 c.414 §36; 1991 c.201 §5; 2001 c.678 §3; 2005 c.758 §36; 2007 c.71 §168; 2007 c.487 §§13,13a; 2009 c.696 §21]

**480.632 Employment of unlicensed worker prohibited.** A person licensed, or required to be licensed, under ORS 480.630 to engage in the business of installing, repairing or altering boilers or pressure vessels may not employ any person to work on a boiler or pressure vessel unless the employed person has a valid license issued under ORS 480.630. [1983 c.676 §24; 2005 c.758 §37; 2007 c.306 §4]

**480.634 Exemption of journeyman plumber for certain activities.** (1) A person who has a valid journeyman plumber license does not have to obtain a license under ORS 480.630 (2) to work as an employee of a business engaged in installing or replacing by nonwelded means a potable domestic water heater that:

(a) Is not used for space heating;

(b) Has a capacity that does not exceed 180 gallons;

(c) Has a water temperature that does not exceed 210 degrees Fahrenheit;

(d) Has a pressure that does not exceed 150 pounds per square inch gauge pressure; and

(e) Has a heat input that does not exceed 750,000 BTU per hour.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not allow construction, repair or alteration of the domestic potable water heater. [1991 c.518 §15; 2005 c.758 §38]

**480.635** [1973 c.830 §5; 1983 c.676 §21; repealed by 2005 c.758 §56]

**480.640 When court action not available.** A person providing services connected with boilers or pressure vessels may not bring or maintain an action in the courts of this state to recover for those services unless the person alleges and proves that, at the time the services were performed, the person performing the services held a license issued under ORS 480.630. This section does not apply to a person exempted from licensing by ORS 480.630 (7). [1983 c.676 §25; 1991 c.518 §11; 2005 c.758 §39; 2007 c.487 §14]

**480.645 Standardized examination; administration.** (1) The Board of Boiler Rules shall cause to be prepared examinations that are standardized. In standardizing examinations under this subsection, the board may adopt standardized examinations prepared by nationally recognized bodies.

(2) The board shall allow any person who takes an examination to review the examination and test results of that person. [1983 c.676 §26; 1991 c.518 §12]

**480.647 Quality control procedures for welding on nonboiler external piping; rules.** (1) The Board of Boiler Rules may adopt rules creating quality control procedures for welding on nonboiler external piping

ing and may adopt its own Oregon welded stamp symbol.

(2) The board may not require the adoption of "R" stamp provisions of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Certification of Authorization requirements related to boilers for welding on nonboiler external piping.

(3) The board shall accept an "R" stamp certificate of authorization by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as meeting the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and may accept any other quality control program for welding that is at least equivalent to the Oregon quality control procedures adopted under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) All review by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for individual approval of quality control procedures and requirements shall be charged at the shop inspection rates under ORS 480.605. [1991 c.518 §16; 1993 c.744 §148; 2009 c.696 §22]

**480.660 Notice of violation; correction; when use prohibited; appeal.** (1) If an inspector determines that any condition exists that is a violation of the safety standards prescribed pursuant to ORS 480.510 to 480.670, the inspector shall post a notice in plain view on or near the affected boiler or pressure vessel that specifies the defective condition, and shall provide a copy of the notice to the owner or user of the affected boiler or pressure vessel, or to a representative of the owner or user.

(2) If no immediate hazard to health and safety is evident, the notice shall state that correction of the defective condition is required within 30 days of the date of the inspection. If the correction is not completed within the 30-day period, the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel may apply to the chief boiler inspector for extension of the time for making the correction. If the chief boiler inspector determines that corrective action was commenced within the time period specified in the notice, an extension may be granted for such time as is required to complete corrective action.

(3) If an immediate hazard to health and safety is evident, the notice shall prohibit further use of the boiler or pressure vessel. The inspector immediately shall report that action to the chief boiler inspector.

(4) If any person is aggrieved by a determination made upon inspection under this section, the person first shall appeal that determination to the chief boiler inspector and then to the Board of Boiler Rules. Subse-

quent appeal shall be as provided in ORS 183.480 to 183.540. [1983 c.676 §28]

**480.665** [1983 c.676 §27; 1991 c.734 §47; 1999 c.846 §3; repealed by 2001 c.411 §31]

**480.670 Civil penalty for Boiler and Pressure Vessel Law violations; disposition of penalty moneys.** The Board of Boiler Rules may impose a civil penalty for a violation of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 or rules adopted for the administration and enforcement of those sections. Moneys received by the Department of Consumer and Business Services or the board from civil penalties imposed under this section or ORS 455.895 (1)(c) shall be deposited to the Consumer and Business Services Fund created under ORS 705.145 and used only for the administration and enforcement of ORS 480.510 to 480.670 and 480.990 (8). [2001 c.411 §10; 2007 c.898 §2]

## PENALTIES

**480.990 Penalties.** (1) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.010 to 480.040 is a Class B violation.

(2) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.050, 480.060 or 480.290 is a Class C misdemeanor.

(3) Violation of ORS 480.070 is a Class A misdemeanor.

(4) Violation of ORS 480.085 is a Class B violation.

(5) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.110 to 480.165 is a Class B misdemeanor. Violations thereof may be prosecuted in state or municipal courts when violations occur within the municipality served thereby. Justice courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts in all proceedings arising within ORS 480.110 to 480.165.

(6) Subject to ORS 153.022, violation of any provision of ORS 480.210, 480.215, 480.235 and 480.265 or of any rule or regulation adopted under ORS 480.280 (1) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(7) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.420 to 480.460 is a Class B violation.

(8) Subject to ORS 153.022, violation of any provision of ORS 480.510 to 480.670, or any rule promulgated pursuant thereto, is a Class A misdemeanor. Whenever the Board of Boiler Rules has reason to believe that any person is liable to punishment under this subsection, it may certify the facts to the Attorney General, who may cause an appropriate proceeding to be brought. [Subsection (4) of 1963 Replacement Part enacted as 1961 c.722 §3; subsection (10) enacted as 1961 c.485 §24; subsection (4) enacted as 1963 c.384 §3; 1965 c.602 §24; subsection (3) enacted as 1967 c.417 §22; subsection (7) enacted as 1971 c.518 §25; 1983 c.676 §22; 1985 c.165 §3; 1987 c.158 §111; 1991 c.863 §59; 1999 c.1051 §193]