Am I permitted to store tires or vehicles outside of my facility?

It is unlawful for any person to accumulate, store, leave, place or deposit or allow to be accumulated, stored, left, placed or deposited, any solid waste on the property. (i.e. Litter, garbage, trash, industrial waste, bulk waste, yard waste, commercial waste, hazardous waste, structural waste, tires, etc.).

There shall be no storage on site of wrecked or inoperative vehicles. In addition, no vehicles awaiting service shall be parked on any public right-of-way. Inoperative vehicles will be towed.

Can I use a shipping container for storage?

Shipping containers are not permitted for permanent storage of tires. Any additional storage buildings requested must obtain a building permit and must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

What are the requirements regarding property maintenance?

It is the duty of the property owner to cut grass, weeds, and other vegetable matter on the property, and between the sidewalk and curb. Grass, weeds, and other vegetable matter should not grow to a height of more than 12 inches.

Where can I obtain a building permit?

Permits are required for all signs and structures. Permits may be obtained from the Development Services Center in City Hall.

Additional Information

Questions regarding the Tire Store process? Suggestions for improvement? Please contact the following:

- Department of City Planning (zoning information): 757-664-4752 or email at: planning@norfolk.gov.
- Norfolk Cares Assistance: 757-664-6610.
- Bureau of Neighborhood Quality: 757-664-6500.
- Department of Fire-Rescue: 757-664-6604



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What am I permitted to do as a tire store?

- Buy, sell, or trade new and used tires and rims.
- Remove, mount, balance, repair, rotate, and install tires and rims.
- Work must be done inside a bay or building if designed for the work.
- Minor repair work (i.e. wiper and lamp replacement).

What am I not permitted to do as a tire store?

- Store or repair vehicles.
- Do any work outside of a structure unless approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- Perform mechanical or body work.
- Change fluids.

How may I display the tires at my store?

A total of 10 tires may be displayed outdoors:

- 2 stacks of five tires; OR
- 5 single tires and 5 rims separated; OR
- 10 tires with rims

In addition, banners must be inside bay doors and not visible from the street when the bay doors are closed. A building permit required

What are the sign regulations for my tire store?

A business shall be permitted one square foot of sign surface area for each linear foot of building frontage facing a public street, but not less than 32 square feet. A building permit is required.

Temporary signs, or those constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric paper, plywood, or other light material and designed to be displayed and removed within certain time periods, have a different set of rules. Temporary signs for commercial sale events may be displayed for the duration of the sale event, with a limit of 15 times per year. Removal is required by 3 days after the end of the sale. A building permit is required.

Balloon signs may be displayed for a maximum of 7 days, with a limit of 3 times per year:

- One sign per business except that two such signs shall be permitted on corner lots.
- A building permit is required.

What signs are prohibited for my tire store?

- Portable signs
- Signs that move or flash
- Roof top signs

What are the fencing regulations for tire stores?

- A building permit is required for fences over 6 feet in height.
- Opaque fencing or landscaping, not less than 6 nor more than 8 feet in height, shall be installed along the entire length of abutting Residential Zoning Districts.
- All storage must be shielded from view.

Are there any fire regulations or inspections?

- An inspection will be required.
- Additional permits maybe required.
- All buildings or structures shall be provided with portable fire extinguishers.
- Tires are only to be stored inside of a building.
- Where tires are stored on-tread, the dimension of the pile in the direction of the wheel hole shall not be more than 50 feet.
- Tires stored adjacent to or along one wall shall not extend more than 25 feet from that wall.
- Other piles shall not be more than 50 feet in width.
- High piled storage of tires greater than 6 feet is limited to 500 square feet of rack footprint area in spaces not protected by fire sprinklers.