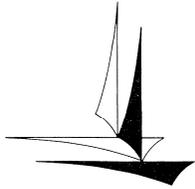


PARKING RAMPS – TITLE 5, CHAPTER 108



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108.10. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

Department: The Minneapolis Department of Inspections.

Director: The director of inspections.

Parking ramp: A building or structure, or part thereof, in which a structural level other than a slab on grade is used for parking, storage, or maintenance of motor vehicles.

Qualified civil or structural engineer: A person registered by the State of Minnesota as a professional engineer whose field of practice is civil or structural engineering, and who is insured in accordance with section 108.80 of this chapter. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84)

108.20. Certificate required. No person, firm, corporation, governmental entity or other entity shall own or operate a parking ramp which has been in operation for five (5) years or more, without having first applied for and obtained an operating certificate. Such certificate shall be granted by the director of inspections as provided in this chapter. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 2007-Or-033, § 1, 5-11-07)

108.30. Application for certificate; fee established. The fee for a parking ramp operating certificate shall be as established in the Director's Fee Schedule pursuant to Chapter 91, Section 91.70. Application for a parking ramp operating certificate shall be filed with the department on forms provided by the department. The application shall contain the name, business address and telephone number of the owner of the ramp; the address of the parking ramp; the number of parking spaces; the year in which the ramp was constructed; and such other information as the director may require. The application shall also state the name, address and telephone number of the person or firm which operates the parking ramp, if different from the owner. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 87-Or-176, § 1, 10-9-87; 2004-Or-047, § 1, 4-30-04)

108.40. Certificate expiration; renewal. Unless sooner revoked, a parking ramp operating certificate shall expire on the expiration date of any insurance policy required in section 108.90 of this chapter. An applicant who wishes to renew the operating certificate shall, at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date, file an application for renewal on forms provided by the department and shall submit proof of inspection services performed by a qualified civil or structural engineer. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 87-Or-176, § 2, 10-9-87)

108.50. Annual inspection required. No parking ramp operating certificate shall be issued or renewed

unless the owner or operator has caused the parking ramp to be inspected annually by a qualified civil or structural engineer as required by this chapter.

The inspection shall consist of an annual on-site field inspection and, every third year, a sufficient number of destructive or equivalent tests and nondestructive tests to properly determine the structural condition of the parking ramp. Tests shall include, but not be limited to, chain-dragging or coring or chloride testing or equivalent tests. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 87-Or-176, § 3, 10-9-87)

108.60. Affidavit and engineer's report required. Upon application for or renewal of the required operating certificate, the owner or operator of a parking ramp shall file with the director an affidavit stating that the parking ramp has been inspected in accordance with section 108.50 of this chapter by a qualified civil or structural engineer. The owner or operator shall file with the affidavit a copy of the engineer's inspection report. The report shall contain the engineer's findings and shall indicate whether the structure is capable of supporting the loads for which it is used. The report shall contain a statement by the engineer whose field of practice is civil or structural engineering and that he or she carries professional liability insurance in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 2007-Or-033, § 2, 5-11-07)

108.70. Certificate revocation; nonrenewal; penalties.

- (a) No operating certificate shall be issued or renewed unless the owner or operator of the parking ramp has obtained the annual inspections required by section 108.50 and filed the annual affidavits and reports required by section 108.60.
- (b) If the owner or operator of a parking ramp fails to file the annual affidavit and report required by section 108.60, the director of inspections may revoke the certificate. A decision to revoke the certificate may be appealed in writing to the city council within twenty-one (21) days of mailing of the director's decision. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 2007-Or-033, § 3, 5-11-07)

108.80. Reserved.

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2007-Or-033, § 4, adopted May 11, 2007, repealed § 108.90, which pertained to insurance requirement for civil or structural engineer. See also the Code Comparative Table.

108.90. Insurance required for parking ramp operation. No operating certificate shall be granted unless the owner or operator shall carry liability insurance with an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota. The liability insurance for the premises and operations of the ramp, which shall include coverage for any injury or loss caused by explosion or collapse, shall be in the sum of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00).

The owner or operator of an automobile service facility which provides less than one hundred (100) parking spaces in the service facility structure shall carry liability insurance with an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota. The liability insurance for the premises and operation of the ramp, which shall include coverage for any injury or loss caused by explosion or collapse, shall be in the sum of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

If the owner takes possession of the keys, and has care, custody and control of a vehicle, then the owner shall also provide garagekeepers legal liability insurance in the sum of at least three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) per stall, or two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) as minimum policy limits. The required certificates of insurance shall be kept current and valid at the corporate

headquarters and copies shall be maintained at each parking ramp office. Such certificates shall be produced immediately upon demand of the director of inspections or the director's designee, or any member of the public. Self-insured government entities shall be exempt from the requirements of this section. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 87-Or-176, § 5, 10-9-87; 2007-Or-033, § 5, 5-11-07)

108.100. Operating certificate to be posted. Every owner or operator of a parking ramp required to obtain an operating certificate shall post said certificate in a conspicuous location in the office or main collection booth of the parking ramp. In the event such notice is not posted, the director or the director's designee may require that all motor vehicles be removed from the parking ramp and that no further parking of vehicles be allowed until the required operating certificate has been obtained and posted. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 2007-Or-033, § 6, 5-11-07)

108.110. Penalty for failure to obtain or renew operating certificate. Should any person, firm, corporation, governmental entity or other entity operate a parking ramp without first having a valid operating certificate as required by this chapter, the owner or operator shall, when subsequently securing such certificate, be required to pay double the fee provided in section 108.30. The director of inspections or the director's designee may also issue or cause to be issued an administrative citation to the owner or operator for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. (84-Or-136, § 1, 7-27-84; 2007-Or-033, § 7, 5-11-07)

108.120. Reserved.

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2007-Or-033, § 8, adopted May 11, 2007, repealed § 108.120, which pertained to compliance schedule. See also the Code Comparative Table.

108.130. Reserved.

Editor's note: Ord. No. 2007-Or-033, § 9, adopted May 11, 2007, repealed § 108.130, which pertained to governmental agencies. See also the Code Comparative Table.