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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 15-09

CODE: 2012 International Fire Code

SECTION: 5604.4 Black powder
5604.2 Smokeless powder
5601.2.3 Permit restrictions

RE: Request for home business permit for 'Ammunition Loading & Reloading, Sales & Service of Firearms'

QUESTION 1: Does this qualify as 'personal use' under IFC **5606.4.1 Black powder and 5604.4.2 Smokeless propellants?**

ANSWER: **No.** The meaning of 'personal use' in these two sections would limit the quantity to that being used by the homeowner, not intended to be sold to other parties.

QUESTION 2: Should the answer to question one be no, can 5601.2.3 be used to permit the storage of black powder in the original containers to twenty pounds, and smokeless powder stored in original containers to fifty pounds with the quantities between 20 and 50 pounds stored within a one inch wood box/cabinet?

ANSWER: **Yes.** Under **Section 5601.2.3 Permit restrictions**, the Fire Marshal is authorized to limit the quantity of explosives, explosive materials or fireworks permitted at a given location. The storage of explosives is established under **5604.4.1** and **5606.4.2**.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTER: Benton County Fire Marshal