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OPEN BURNING/BONFIRE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Section 105.6.30 of the Folsom Fire Code states… An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to…See Section 307. Additional requirements may be applicable.

Open burning under a fire department permit is only permitted when in compliance with Sacramento County Air Quality Management District and state air quality regulations.

A person knowledgeable in the use of firefighting equipment required to extinguish the fire shall constantly attend fires. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

Fires shall be discontinued immediately if the Chief determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or if the burning is determined by the Chief to constitute a hazardous condition.

The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure

Exceptions:

1. The pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height, in which case the minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm). Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

2. Portable outdoor fireplaces or other approved containers shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing systems shall be readily available for use at open fires. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a minimum 4A rating fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR BONFIRES

A Bonfire is the open burning of trees, vegetation or lumber.

Total fuel area shall be 15 feet (4572mm) or less in diameter and 8 feet (2438 mm) or less in height.

Pit type fires shall not be allowed.

Class I flammables shall not be used as fire starters.

Rubbish, tar paper, rubber, oil, etc. shall not be used as fuel.

No burning shall be permitted if windy conditions exist.

Bonfires shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15240 mm) of a structure or other combustible material.

A minimum distance of 100 feet (30480 mm) shall be maintained between spectators and the bonfire.

Adequate barricades shall be provided and shall surround the bonfire to protect the spectators from injury by flying brands or direct contact with the fire.

The fire shall be extinguished with water immediately after it has burned down.

Prior to commencement of burning, the Fire Department shall be notified. When required, a permit shall be obtained from the Sacramento County Air Quality Management District prior to issuance of Fire Department permit.

A site plan is required prior to permit issuance.