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Guidelines for Recreational Fires, Use of Outdoor Fireplaces and Manufactured Fire Pits

1. Open cooking or camp fires shall be in a pit not be more than 3 feet in diameter, and shall be bounded by rocks or other means to prevent fire spread. Flames shall not extend more than 3 feet above the base of the fire. The fire shall not burn for more than 3 hours duration.

2. Fire in an open pit shall be a distance of not less than fifty (50) feet from any structure or combustible construction. Provisions shall be made to keep the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet from any structure or combustible material.

3. When using an outdoor fireplace or manufactured fire pit, fire shall be completely contained within the device and the device shall be used in strict compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

4. Fire in an outdoor fireplace or manufactured fire pit shall be a distance of not less than fifteen (15) feet from any structure or combustible construction.

Exception: Single family dwellings.

- Mobile homes located within mobile home park complexes are not considered single family dwellings under these guidelines.

5. Fuel shall consist of only seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small amount of paper or campfire starter material designed for that purpose.

6. The fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. Adequate fire extinguishing equipment shall be available at the site for immediate use.

7. Open cooking or camp fires, fires in outdoor fireplaces or manufactured fire pits shall not take place when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, or cause the fire, embers, or smoke to be offensive, dangerous or objectionable. Burning shall not cause any nuisance to the general public.

8. Grills or open flame devices of any type shall not be used on balconies, within a means of egress or on porches or patios that are under roofs or within 10' of combustible construction.

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- IFC 307.5 Open flame cooking devices
Amended to read;
F- 307.5 Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces in Residential Area. A person shall not use a cooking grill, outdoor fireplace or any other open flame device that uses propane,

charcoal, gasoline, wood, etc., nor shall a person allow the kindling of a fire of any nature on balconies, within means of egress, on porches or patios under a roof, or within 10' of combustible construction.

The Fire Department is obligated to investigate all complaints received regarding outdoor fires and any hazard, dangerous or objectionable conditions caused the fire or smoke from the fire.

Any departure from the above listed procedures or the creation of dangerous, offensive or objectionable conditions could result in the Fire Officer ordering the fire to be extinguished and possible enforcement action up to and including citation.

Questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to the Fire Prevention Division at (734) 394-5456.