

§ 9-20      Bonfires and Outdoor Rubbish Fires

A.      It shall be unlawful for anyone to burn, kindle or maintain the burning of any "refuse", "rubbish", or any other combustible material within the City Limits, without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. Any person obtaining a permit from the Fire Chief shall abide by the following rules for burning:

(1)      No person shall burn, kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private or public lands unless the location is not less than fifty (50) feet from any structure and adequate provisions are made to prevent the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet of any structure.

(2)      Attendance of open fires. Bonfires and rubbish fires shall be continually attended by a competent adult until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply, or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

B.      No person shall deposit hot ashes, cinders, smoldering coals, or greasy or oily substances which may ignite spontaneously into any combustible receptacle or place the same within 10 feet of any combustible material, except in metal or other noncombustible, covered receptacles. Such receptacles, unless resting on a noncombustible floor, or on the ground outside the buildings, shall be placed on non combustible stands and in such case, shall be kept at least two (2) feet away from any combustible wall or partition or exterior window opening. (Ord. 1763 7-2-90.)