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Section 307 - Recreational fires. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official prior to conducting a recreational fire.

Exception. Recreational fires may be conducted without a permit in an approved outdoor device in accordance to manufacturer's instructions at single- and two-family dwellings on a single parcel under the following conditions:

1. The device shall have a screen cover that aids in the protection to contain burning particulate from escaping into the atmosphere.
2. The device shall be 15' from any structure or combustibles.
3. A person shall have a garden hose connected to a reliable water source readily available for use.
4. The size of the fire shall be no larger than 3'x3'x3'.
5. Firewood being burned shall not have a diameter larger than 3" in diameter.
6. Burning shall not create a foul or offensive odor or cause smoke emissions that are reasonably offensive to occupants of surrounding property.
7. The burning of garbage, leaves, or other waste material is prohibited.
8. Any fire shall be extinguished at the direction of a Public Safety Officer if the fire is determined to constitute a hazardous condition, to create a foul or offensive odor, or to cause smoke emissions that are reasonably offensive to occupants of surrounding property.
9. The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished.

Portable outdoor fireplaces. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official prior to using a portable outdoor fireplace.

Exception. Portable outdoor fireplaces at single- and two-family dwellings may be conducted without a permit when they are used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and not operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.