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City of Latrobe

Planning and Development
901 Jefferson St
Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

SMALL RECREATIONAL FIRE PERMIT

Permit No. _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS _____ Owner Tenant

Draw a description of the area. You must include lot size, fire enclosure size and location on lot, and setbacks from structures, fences, trees, utility, roadway, property lines and any other combustible material. Describe the type of material used for the enclosure and if the enclosure is commercially available, identify its manufacturer, model and verify UL certification.

THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS SHALL BE MET AND MAINTAINED FOR ANY PROPOSED SMALL RECREATIONAL FIRE:

At least one person eighteen (18) years of age must:

- Attend (being outside, on the property, and in the line of site of the fire) the small recreational fire at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- Ensure the fire is under control and poses no risk of spreading outside the enclosure, and
- Have a garden hose connected to a water source or other extinguishing device readily available for use to extinguish the small recreational fire on an immediate basis

Small recreational fires must be fully extinguished prior to being left unattended by a person eighteen (18) years of age.

Applicants must also meet the following requirements of the City's Small Recreational Fire Ordinance:

I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS, AND THE SMALL RECREATIONAL FIRE ORDINANCE.

APPLICANT _____

DATE _____

DATE OF INSPECTION OF AREA _____

FEE: \$15.00

COMMENTS _____

CODE OFFICIAL _____

PERMIT EXPIRES _____

§262-2(C)(14) All persons that wish to have small recreational fires shall first register with the City of Eutrope Code Enforcement Office. The registrant shall pay a registration fee to the City, which from time to time shall be determined by Council. Said registration fee shall be listed in Schedule B of Code Chapter 3. An applicant's registration shall terminate upon the earliest occurrence of one of the following events: **if an applicant/registrant violates this Chapter 262 more than three times during the length of the permit,** at the death of the applicant/registrant, when the applicant/registrant no longer resides at the property subject to the registration, or on the day following the fifth year after the issuance of the registration. Applicants/registrants whose registration terminates by virtue of the five-year time requirement shall be permitted to reapply for registration under this section. **Persons who have and/or operate a small recreational fire without a valid permit, due to termination of the permit or otherwise, shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$50, and shall be subject to the provisions of §262-3. Said fine may be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer, Manager, and officers of the Police Department, or their designees. Fines shall be issued by posting a notice of violation and fine conspicuously on the residence of the registrant, identifying that they violated this Chapter, citing the specific date, time and nature of the violation, and that they have five (5) days to pay said fine at the City Municipal Building. The notice shall include a notification of right to appeal the fine. Said appeal shall be made within five (5) days of the issuance of the fine and shall accompany payment of the fine. City Council shall hear the said appeal at their next regularly scheduled business meeting of City Council, which is more than seven (7) days following the date of said appeal. The appellant shall be present at said meeting of Council. If the appellant is not present, the appeal shall be denied. If the appeal is granted, the fine shall be returned.**

§ 262-2 Small Recreational Fires on Private Property

A. Purpose.

The City of Latrobe desires to permit residents to have small recreational fires on their property in a safe manner for the purpose of cooking food, warmth, and ceremonial purposes.

B. Definitions.

- (1) Fire – combustion or burning of materials causing light, flame, and heat.
- (2) Small recreational fire – a fire contained within a grill, outdoor barbeque, fireplace or similar device for the purpose of cooking food with natural gas, propane or any other clean burning fuel, wood and charcoal; or any other fire created for warming or ceremonial purposes within an enclosure that is constructed from masonry, brick, stone, metal or other non-combustible material, or other similar device that encloses and contains fire, such as a chiminea, fireplace or commercially manufactured fire pit designed specifically for the purpose of containing a fire.
- (3) Materials – dry and clean wood, small branches, twigs, kindling, charcoal, propane, natural gas, and any other clean burning fuel.

C. Small Recreational Burning

- (1) No persons shall burn any materials of any kind on private property except as authorized by this Chapter, Chapters 271, 273, 275 or 279, or otherwise permitted by the Code, state law or federal law.
- (2) Small recreational fires are permitted on residential lots. The materials burned by the fire can only be of the type defined in this section. It is a violation of this Section to burn any rubbish, garbage, cardboard, leaves, yard waste, household waste, municipal waste, construction debris, toxic or noxious materials, cloth, plastic, treated, painted, varnished or otherwise coated materials, or other materials that tend to cause excessive or malodorous emissions or excessive smoke. Small quantities of paper and cardboard may be burned as kindling.
- (3) Small recreational fires may only be conducted only within fire enclosures no larger than four (4) feet in diameter and thirteen (13) square feet.
- (4) The size of the pile of combustible material must be less than three (3) feet in diameter and one (1) foot in height.
- (5) Flammable liquids, such as gasoline or oil, shall not be used as a starter fluid. Commercially available combustible starter fluids are permitted and must be used in a safe manner per manufacturer's instructions.

(6) Small recreational fires are not permitted within fifteen (15) feet of any house, fence, structure, roadway, utility, tree or other combustible material, or any property line. However, small recreational fires that are fueled by propane, natural gas or charcoal briquettes and are housed within a commercially produced enclosure, which has been listed by the UL as meeting UL's requirements, constructed of non-combustible material or which were constructed by a professional as part of a patio may be located no closer than within ten (10) feet of any house, fence, structure, roadway, utility, tree or other combustible material, or any property line.

(7) Small recreational fires shall be banned when the geographic area of the City of Latrobe is under any burn ban, as designated by any county, state or federal agencies. The use of propane or gas grills or stoves or charcoal briquette grills for the purpose of cooking food shall not be subject to this burn ban restriction.

(8) All devices containing a small recreational fire shall be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis to prevent the buildup of residual combustible material, such as charcoal, food grease, drippings or scraps, or other debris.

(11) Small recreational fires shall not create a nuisance. A nuisance is deemed to exist if the small recreational fire:

- (a) Generates flying embers that pose a hazard to a dwelling, structure, tree or other vegetation, combustible material, roadway or utility;
- (b) Generates smoke or odors that unreasonably interfere with the use or enjoyment of neighboring properties;
- (c) Contains prohibited materials;
- (d) Is in a prohibited location; or
- (e) Is not in compliance with this Chapter, or any other Chapter, of the Code.

(12) A police officer or firefighter may order any property to extinguish, abate or diminish a small recreational fire deemed to be a nuisance.

(13) No small recreational fires are permitted on Ozone Action Days.