



302.1. Definitions: The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this chapter and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meanings shown herein.

Bonfire: An outdoor fire which is utilized for occasional special events and which burns only seasoned dry firewood intended to minimize the generation of air contaminants. A permit is required for all bonfires.

Open burning: The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Powered industrial truck: A forklift, tractor, platform lift truck, or motorized hand truck powered by an electrical motor or internal combustion engine. Powered industrial trucks do not include farm vehicles or automotive vehicles for highway use.

Recreational fire: An outdoor fire burning only dry, seasoned firewood or commercially available charcoal briquettes on the ground in a prepared pit having a total fuel area of 4 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, warmth, or cooking food for human consumption.

Section 307.1.2 shall be added to read as follows:

307.1.2. Allowable open burning. The following types of open burning shall be allowed without prior notification to the code official and without a permit, and shall be constantly attended:

A. Barbecue, grill or pit when cooking food for human consumption using only charcoal briquettes, LP-gas, or natural gas for fuel.

B. Outdoor fireplaces may burn only dry, seasoned firewood, and shall not burn between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 11:00 a.m., and must be utilized in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

Example: Fire pits and chimneys purchased from stores are acceptable, so long as the pit or chimney is constructed of metal or ceramic, has a solid top, has steady legs to keep it off of the

ground and anchor it against falling over, has a spark arrestor constructed of iron, heavy wire mesh, or other non-combustible material with openings not larger than ½", and has a spark arrestor or screen on the top and/or sides. No fuels (logs, wood, etc.) shall be allowed to protrude out of the top of the pit or from the sides.

C. Controlled fires by qualified instructors for fire suppression training, e.g., firefighter training, industrial fire brigade training, and employee training for portable fire extinguishers.

B. Heating of building materials or for the warmth of workers at construction sites burning only charcoal, dry, seasoned firewood or other approved fuel, in an approved container.

Section 307.2 shall be amended to read as follows:

307.2. Permit required. A permit shall be obtained from the fire department in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled. Applications shall be submitted in writing at least three days prior to the proposed event and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the code official.

Section 307.3 shall be amended to read as follows:

307.3. Extinguishment authority. The code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible for the fire, or the Fire Department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or which constitutes air pollution, defined in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of air contaminants in quantities, of characteristics, under conditions and circumstances, and of a duration that are or can become injurious to human health or welfare, to animal life, to plant life, or to property, or that interfere with the enjoyment of life and property in this state.

Section 307.4 shall be amended to read as follows:

307.4. Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, other combustible appurtenances or material, public rights-of-way, and property lines, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

Exceptions: Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure, other combustible material, public rights of way, and property lines.

Section 307.4.1 shall be amended to read as follows:

307.4.1. Bonfire dimensions, duration, and location. A bonfire shall not be more than 6 feet by 6 feet by 6 feet in dimension and shall not burn longer than 4 hours. The location of a bonfire shall be in accordance with Section 307.4.

Section 307.4.2 shall be amended to read as follows:

307.4.2. Recreational fire dimensions, duration, and location. A recreational fire shall have a fuel area of 4 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height and shall not burn longer than 4 hours. The location of a recreational fire shall be not less than 25 feet from any structure, other combustible appurtenances or material, public rights-of-way, and property lines, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 25 feet of any structure.