
LOCAL LAWS: Open Burning, Outdoor Furnaces and Bonfires

A LOCAL LAW OF THE [CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN] OF [NAME OF CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN]
AMENDING CHAPTER [NO.] OF THE [CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN] CODE ENTITLED "FIRE
PREVENTION"

Be it enacted by the [name of Governing Body] of the [City/Village/Town] of [name of City/Village/Town] as follows:

Section 1

Chapter [no.] of the [City/Village/Town] Code, as amended, be and hereby is further amended by this local law as follows:

1. A new section [no.] is added providing as follows:

Section [no.]. Open Burning, Outdoor Furnaces, and Bonfires.

A. No person shall burn or cause to be burned or aid or assist in the burning of any material for any purpose, other than those listed in Subsection C below, in any street, lot or parcel of land (either public or private), within the [City/Village/Town].

B. The use of outdoor furnaces shall be prohibited in the [City/Village/Town]. An outdoor furnace shall be defined as any equipment, device, or apparatus, or any part thereof, which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel or any other material to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat for any interior space.

- C. Exceptions to subsection A are as follows:

(1) Residential outdoor cooking. Open burning is permitted for residential outdoor cooking when the fire is limited to the minimal size necessary and contained in a device designed for that purpose. Fuel for residential outdoor cooking is limited to charcoal, LP gas, natural gas, or seasoned or flavored wood chips commercially sold for the purpose of barbeques. Outdoor cooking of any kind is prohibited on balconies, covered porches and covered patios in any multiple-dwelling homes.

(2) Recreational. Open burning for recreational purposes (bonfires) shall be permitted only for organization-sponsored events and restricted to those meeting all of the requirements of the [City/Village/Town] Fire Company. No fire shall be ignited prior to the issuance of an "open burning operating permit" from the [City/Village/Town] Code Enforcement Officer.

(3) Fires set by the [City/Village/Town] Fire Company for the instruction and training of firefighting personnel or for the elimination of a fire hazard.