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## OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

**\*\*Burning of any type is prohibited in sustained winds in excess of 10 mph**

REFER TO SECTION 307 of the 2006 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, as adopted and enforced by the CITY OF BELLEVILLE, IL- Ord. No. 7212; 01-05-09

**307.1 General.** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section. (Recreation or bonfire as stated below)

**307.1 .1 Prohibited open burning.** Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

**307.2.1 Authorization.** Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

**307.3 Extinguishment authority.** The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the fire department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

**307.5 Attendance.** Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

## RECREATIONAL FIRES - RESIDENTIAL BONFIRES -SPECIAL EVENT BONFIRES

REFER TO CITY OF BELLEVILLE, IL ORDINANCE NO. 130.07 Section (A), (C), (D)

**(A) RECREATIONAL FIRES.** All recreational fires shall conform to the following guidelines:

1. Recreational burning shall be allowed only by use of gas or wood stove, gas or wood fireplaces, fire rings and other type of apparatuses constructed or manufactured for the purpose of recreational burning; however, these devices are only permitted to be fueled by dry seasoned firewood, charcoal, or commercial fire logs. When using outdoor fireplaces, you must follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
2. Fifteen (15) feet from the structure.
3. A permit is not required for recreational burning.
4. Recreational fires must be extinguished by 1:00.

5. If a Police or Fire official is required to investigate a fire, they will determine if it is a recreational fire and that all rules and regulations are being followed. They will have the authority to have the fire extinguished, spectators dispersed, and citations issued.
6. Bar B Que pits or grills do not fall under these regulations, if they are being used for their intended cooking purposes with approved fuels in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**(C) RESIDENTIAL BONFIRES.** All residential bonfires shall conform to the following guidelines:

1. Residential bonfires shall be placed on the ground and all requirements per the bonfire permit are to be followed;
2. The residential bonfire permit must be on location and in the possession of the applicant until the fire has been thoroughly extinguished.
3. The fire's location must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from the closest structure.
4. The fire must always be attended to by an adult with fire extinguishing equipment available for immediate use.
5. The **maximum** size of a residential bonfire shall be three (3) feet wide by three (3) feet long by four (4) feet high.
6. Only seasoned dry wood will be permitted for burning.
7. Sustained winds shall not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.
8. Residential bonfires will be out by 11:00 p.m. And will be completely extinguished.
9. If a Police or Fire official is required to investigate a fire, they will determine if all rules and regulations are being followed. They will have the authority to have the fire extinguished, spectators dispersed, and citations issued.
10. Residential bonfire permits must be obtained from the Fire Administration Office and a fee of \$10.00 is required.

**(D) SPECIAL EVENT BONFIRES.** All special event bonfires shall conform to the following guidelines:

1. Special event bonfires shall be placed on the ground and all requirements per the special event bonfire permit is to be followed.
2. The special event bonfire permit must be on location and in possession of the applicant until the fire has been thoroughly extinguished.
3. The fire location must be at least one hundred (100) feet from the closest structure.
4. The fire must be attended by two (2) Belleville Firefighter Personnel one (1) Belleville Fire Department apparatus and adults' members at all times with fire extinguishing equipment available for immediate use.
5. The **maximum** size of a special event bonfire shall be ten (10) feet wide by ten (10) feet long by ten (10) feet high.
6. Only seasoned dry wood will be permitted for burning.
7. Sustained winds shall not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.
8. Special Event Bonfires will be out by 11:00 p.m. And will be completely extinguished.
9. If a Police or Fire official is required to investigate a fire, they will determine if it is a recreational fire and that all rules and regulations are being followed. They will have the authority to have the fire extinguished, spectators dispersed, and citations issued.
10. Permits must be obtained from the Fire Administration Office and a fee of \$300.00 is required.