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OPEN BURNING / RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINE

The Municipality of Monroeville has elected to enforce a Recreational Fire policy based on the provisions of the International Fire Code 2009 edition. Ordinance 2523 approved by the Municipal Council and effective September 13, 2001 adopts the ICC International Fire Code 2009 edition in its entirety. Note there is a difference between **OPEN BURNING** and **RECREATIONAL FIRES**. The international fire code prohibits open burning without first obtaining a Fire Code permit from the Municipality's Fire Official Office. Section 307 of the International Fire Code does allow for **RECREATIONAL FIRES** without obtaining a Fire Code permit with the following guidelines:

ANY BURNING WHICH DOES NOT MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT.

- **Only clean burning material is permitted (i.e., wood)**
- **Fuel area must be 3ft or less in diameter and 2ft or less in height**
- **Shall not be within 25ft of a structure**
- **Must be constantly attended**
- **A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved onsite fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be immediately available.**

Any burning activity conducted which does not meet the above guidelines is a violation of the **OPEN BURNING / RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINE** outlined in Municipal Ordinance 2523. Any persons who shall violate a provision of ordinance 2523 or fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do with in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under the provisions of the ordinance, shall be guilty of a summary offense, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 dollars, which conforms with the fine limits set in the UCC that ratified the International Code and adopted the International Fire Code, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. The fines and penalties may be collected by suit instituted in the name of the Municipality of Monroeville before the District Magistrate in the like manner as departments of like amounts be sued for by existing laws.

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