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Recreational Fires

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1. Recreational Fires – No Permit Required

- a) Size – Small fires less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet or less in height are permitted.
- b) Location – Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials unless contained in a fire ring. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. A surrounding fire barrier of non-combustible material that is at least 6 inches in height must be used. The size of the fire prior to ignition must meet the requirements listed in #1.
- c) General provisions also apply.

2. Barbecue Appliances – No Permit Required

- a) Freestanding barbecue pits or approved burning appliances (freestanding fireplaces) shall maintain a clearance of not less than 15 feet from structures and other combustible materials.
- b) General provisions also apply.

3. General Provisions

- a) Materials – Only unpainted wood, which has not been treated with chemicals or preservatives, coal or charcoal may be burned. Open burning of rubbish is prohibited.
- b) Fire extinguishing equipment – Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
- c) Attendance – Every recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person and shall be completely extinguished before leaving the scene.
- d) Hours – Recreational fires shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

- e) Wind Conditions – Recreational fires shall not be conducted if wind conditions exceed 10 mph.
- f) Discontinuance – The Minneapolis Fire Chief and authorized Minneapolis Fire Department personnel are authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined by the Chief or MFD personnel to constitute a hazardous condition.
- g) Failure to comply with these provisions may be a chargeable offense.

Reference: Article 11 of the Minnesota Uniform Fire Code, 1998 edition.