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## Application and Permit for Open Burning

Site Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of burn: \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) of burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Applicant to attach a copy of a site diagram showing distance to structures and other combustibles. By signing this application you agree to be responsible for the proper control and extinguishment of this burn. Any and all liability for damages arising from this open burn are the responsibility of the applicant.

### FIRE CODE SECTION 307 OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

**BONFIRE.** An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

**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, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. 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.

**RECREATIONAL FIRE.** An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

#### 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.

#### 307.2 Permit required.

A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or 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.

#### 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.

#### 307.2.2 Prohibited open burning.

Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Burning of womanized, creosote or other treated lumber is prohibited. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

#### 307.3 Location.

The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in approved containers (BBQ pit) that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.

#### 307.3.1 Bonfires.

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The maximum pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

#### 307.3.2 Recreational fires.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

#### 307.4 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.

Reviewed and Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use  Application  Site diagram  CCE 911 notified  Police notified