



## East Lansing Fire Department – Prevention Bureau

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### **OUTDOOR FIRES AND CONTAINED OUTDOOR FIRES**

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 1493, Chapter 16, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, Section 307 of the fire code as amended, the following regulations are hereby promulgated by the Fire Marshal upon approval of City Council:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of East Lansing hereby adopts the following regulations as promulgated by the Fire Marshal for outdoor fires and contained outdoor fires:

#### **Contained Outdoor Burning Regulations**

- \*An annual permit must first be obtained pursuant to section 105.6 of the Fire Prevention Code.
- \*Fire permits are only available in areas zoned as R-1 and R-2. If the property is NOT owner-occupied, you must have permission from the landlord.
- \*The fire must be continuously attended.
- \*A water source must be available for immediate utilization. Examples: a portable 4A rated fire extinguisher, garden hose connected to water supply, water tank or 5-gallon bucket filled with water.
- \*Burning of building materials, non-wood items and rubbish is strictly prohibited.
- \*A recreational fire pit shall not be operated within 25 feet of a structure, property line, driveway, roadway or combustible material (including decks, sheds and fences). Recreational fires not used for cooking purposes must be covered by a spark arresting screen approved by the fire code official.
- \*Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure, property line, driveway, roadway or combustible material (including decks, sheds and fences). This includes liquid petroleum gas fireplaces.
- \*The container must be located on a non-combustible surface.
- \*Fires will not be permitted when wind speed is greater than 15 miles per hour, or during a state ban on fires in the area.
- \*Size requirements – total fuel area should be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height (exclusive of chimneys and legs).
- \*The container should be free of rust or corrosion which affects the integrity of the container. The owner is responsible for inspecting the container prior to each fire as to its integrity.
- \*When open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.
- \*Any permit may be revoked or denied by the Fire Prevention Bureau pursuant to section 105.5 of the Fire Prevention Code
- \*No hot charcoal embers or ashes shall be placed inside any structure, on any combustible surface or disposed of in any combustible container.