

## Chapter 290. Fires and Fire Prevention

### § 290-9. Open burning.

- A. Open burning prohibited. No person, firm or corporation shall build any outdoor fire within the corporate limits of the Village of Stratford, except as set forth in Subsection **B** of this section. Burning of paper, solid waste, garbage, leaves and yard waste is prohibited within the Village.
- B. Exceptions. The prohibition stated in Subsection **A** shall not apply to the following:<sup>[1]</sup>
- (1) Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device or structure designed for such use.
  - (2) Controlled burning of grass or similar vegetation for environmental management purposes, with the approval of the Village Fire Commissioner or his/her designee.
  - (3) Ceremonial campfires or bonfires, with prior approval of the Village Fire Commissioner or his/her designee.
- [1] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*
- C. The use of outdoor permanent incinerators is hereby prohibited, except upon application and issuance of an annual permit. The operation of permanent incinerators by permit in industrial areas only shall be done in a safe and proper manner, and manufacturer's specifications on the operation of permanent incinerators shall be followed. The following requirements shall be applicable:
- (1) Any burning permitted under this subsection shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner in accordance with Fire Commission and Village Board rules and regulations, and a permit shall only be issued when it is unreasonable to dispose of the waste materials in any other manner than by burning or where a hardship would be created by such a refusal to issue said permit.<sup>[2]</sup>  
[2] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*
  - (2) Applications shall be submitted to the Fire Commission, which shall submit a recommendation to the Village Board. The Village Board shall make a determination as to whether to issue the incinerator permit.
  - (3) Burning permits may be cancelled by the issuing authority or the Fire Department by written notice to the permit holder of the reasons for the cancellation.
- D. Other occasions of desirable outdoor burning not specified by this section, but not as an alternative to refuse removal or disposal for which other methods are available, may be granted single occasion approval as in Subsection **B(2)** above.
- E. Whenever approval and special permit are granted under Subsections **B(2)** and **(3)**, **C** and **D** of this section, the permit may specify and be conditioned on observance of safety restrictions and insurance requirements set forth therein.
- F. There shall be no burning on Sunday to 8:00 a.m. Monday and on holidays at any time.
- G. Chief may prohibit. The Fire Chief is permitted to prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.<sup>[3]</sup>  
[3] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*
- H. Burning on streets. No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk.
- I. Liability. Persons utilizing and maintaining outdoor fires shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by their fire.

