

Chapter 14.12

OPEN OUTDOOR FIRES

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14.12.010 Open outdoor fires prohibited. It is unlawful for any person or public agency to ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited or suffer, allow, or maintain any open outdoor fire within the limits of the town, except as hereinafter provided. (Prior code §3112).

14.12.020 Definitions. (a) "Open outdoor fire" means any combustion of combustible material of any type outdoors, in the open, not in any enclosure, where the products of combustion are not directed through a flue.

(b) "Household rubbish" means waste material and trash, including garden trash and prunings, normally accumulated by a family in residence in the course of ordinary day to day living. (Prior code §3112 (part)).

14.12.030 Permitted outdoor fires designated. Subject to the limitations and conditions specified and imposed under this section and Section 14.12.040, the following open outdoor fires may be ignited and maintained:

- (1) Fires used only for cooking food for human consumption;
- (2) Fires for recreational purposes;
- (3) Any fire set or permitted by any public officer, in the performance of official duty, if the fire is set or permission given for the purpose of weed abatement, the prevention of a fire hazard, including the disposal of dangerous materials where there is no safe alternate method of disposal, or in the instruction of public employees in the methods of fighting fires, which fire is, in the opinion of such official, necessary;
- (4) Safety flares for the combustion of waste gases;
- (5) Any fire if it can be demonstrated that nothing but carbon dioxide, nitrogen, or water vapor is emitted under all operating conditions. (Ord. 303 §1, 1970: prior code §3112 (part)).

14.12.040 Permit required. Any person desiring to ignite and/or maintain any fire specified in Section 14.12.030(2), (3), (4), or (5) shall first obtain a written permit from the chief of the fire department, or his authorized representative, who are authorized, in their discretion, and subject to such conditions, rules and regulations as the town council may from time to time prescribe, to issue such permits. A permit may be denied if necessary to protect persons or property from the proposed fire as a fire hazard, or the permit may be granted under such limitations, conditions and restrictions as may be deemed necessary to eliminate any such hazard. In addition to local regulations relative to open outdoor fires, all burning within the town limits shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District. (Ord. 427 §3, 1981: Ord. 315 §1, 1970: prior code §3113).