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## FIRE MARSHAL BULLETIN

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### ***RE: FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINE PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING***

City ordinance 1610.01, by reference of the 2015 International Fire Code (Sections 307 & 308) restricts anyone from having an open fire on private property. This would include bon fires, pit BBQ's, the burning of yard waste or the unconfined fires used by contractors to heat water or sand for mortar.

**OPEN BURNING:** The burning of any materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

The Fire Prevention Bureau will allow the burning of **hardwood logs** in an approved container, constructed of metal or masonry, with a metal covering device with openings no larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches under the following conditions:

- The container is UL manufactured as an outdoor fireplace, not a BBQ, is in good condition and, is used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- The approved container is a minimum 15-ft from buildings and is set upon non-combustible surfaces.
- **Only hardwood shall be burned.** The burning of scrap wood or yard waste, to include tree trimmings and leaves **SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED.**
- An adult constantly attends the burning until the fire is completely out.
- At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as a hose, sand or dirt shall be available for immediate utilization.

**The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall cease the open burning if the burning is being performed in an unsafe manner.**

**If a resident is following the open burning guidelines, excessive smoke is not produced and, is deemed to be operating in a safe manner; the fire department officer in charge may allow the burning to continue, regardless of a neighbor complaint.**