



Van Buren Township Code of Ordinance *Open Source Fires and Open Burnings*



On _____ (date), the Van Buren Township Fire Department responded to _____ (address), to investigate a burning complaint. Unauthorized burn violates Chapter 1 Sec. 10.10.3 of the Van Buren Township Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1 2018. If you need more assistance, please contact the Van Buren Township Fire Marshal at (734) 699-8900 x 9416. Thanks for your understanding.

Open Source Fires and Open Burning:

- A. Outdoor fires shall not be built, ignited, or maintained in or upon hazardous fire areas, except by permit from the AHJ.
- B. Permanent barbecues, portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, or grills shall not be used for the disposal of rubbish, trash, or combustible waste material.
- C. Permitted open fires shall be located not less than 50ft from any structure.
- D. Burning hours shall be prescribed by the AHJ.
- E. Recreational fires shall not be located within 25ft of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- F. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread to within 25ft of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- G. Open, recreational, and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished.
- H. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

Cooking

- 1. For other than one and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or other similar devised used for cooking, heating or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion or within 10ft of any structure.
- 2. For other than one and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or other similar devices used for cooking shall be stored on a balcony.
- 3. Listed equipment permanently installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted.

Discontinuance

- 1. The AHJ shall be authorized to require any fire to be immediately discontinued if the fire is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.
- 2. Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emission must be extinguished immediately. The Fire Department is authorized to order the extinguishment of illegal open burning or fires creating a hazard.

Fees: Persons who cause the Fire Department to respond due to a violation of this section are responsible for the Fire Department's costs and expenses.

Responsible Party:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Property Owner' Name if different: _____

Property Owner' Phone Number: _____

Original – Responsible Party

Carbon Copy – Fire Marshal