

TOWN OF GLASGOW PERMIT/OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Common Council of the Town of Glasgow, West Virginia, to require a permit and established set of rules for open burning within the town limits for the purpose of providing public safety.

DEFINITIONS

Open Burning: Open burning is defined as a fire where any yard waste is burned on the ground or in an open receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney.

Recreational Burning: Small recreational fires that are no larger than 3 feet in diameter, in a location free of combustible materials, and attended by an adult with fire-extinguishing equipment. Small recreational fires include chimineas, outdoor manufactured fire pits and fireplaces. They should have a non-tipping base, a screen enclosure, and a spark arrestor. They should be placed on a noncombustible surface. Only dry, aged natural wood should be burned.

Cooking Fires: Used for residential cooking only in an outdoor cooking apparatus.

Section 1 - Burning permits required.

Burning permits are required to conduct all open burning and recreational fires, excluding cooking fires contained within an outdoor cooking apparatus. The duration of an open burn permit will be determined by the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief. Recreational fire permits expire December 31st of each year. Applications for a burning permit may be obtained at Glasgow Town Hall during normal business hours. The Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief reserve the right to suspend all burning permits at any time due to atmospheric conditions.

Section 2 - Open burning of household rubbish prohibited.

Open burning of household rubbish, tires, building materials and paper products is strictly prohibited. The use of a burn barrel does not exclude this rule. If it did not grow in your yard, you can not burn it with the exception of firewood brought in for the purpose of a recreational fire. The burning of "untreated" building material is prohibited.

Section 3 - Open burning distance requirements.

Open burning of any unrestricted material (yard waste) shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires and cooking fires shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure

of combustible material contained within a chiminea, outdoor fireplace, burn pit or similar apparatus. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 15 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Section 4 - All open burning shall only be permitted during daytime hours.

All open burning shall only be permitted during daytime hours, unless specifically permitted by the fire chief or his designee, and when atmospheric conditions do not cause a fire hazard. Recreational fires and cooking fires are permitted after dark, as long as they meet the criteria of such fires. The burning of a pile of leaves, grass or twigs will not be accepted as a cooking fire or recreational fire and must be extinguished.

Section 5 - A water supply or fire extinguisher must be readily available to extinguish the fire.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment (buckets containing water or sand; shovels; fire extinguishers with a minimum 4-A rating) shall be readily available for use at all open burning sites. To be considered "readily available", the extinguishing equipment shall be within 10 feet of water at all times. The amount of the extinguishing agent shall be relative to the size of the fire.

Section 6 - All open burning shall be constantly attended by a person at least 18 years of age.

All open burning shall be constantly attended by a person at least 18 years of age, knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment required by this permit, and familiar with the regulations which apply to open burning. Said attendant shall supervise all open burning until the fire has been extinguished prior to leaving the premise or retiring for the night.

Section 7 - The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief are authorized to enforce the open burning and permit regulations.

The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief are authorized to enforce the open burning and permit regulations. The Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief or their designee is authorized to require open burning or recreational fires to be immediately discontinued if the chief, assistant chief or their designee determines it to constitute a hazardous condition and applicable to state fire codes. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief are authorized to issue citations for violating any section of this Ordinance.

Section 8 - Penalty for Violating Any Provision of this Ordinance

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 for each offense.