

TOWN OF OUTLOOK

BYLAW NO. 20 (2019)

A BYLAW FOR THE LICENSING, REGULATING OF FIRE PITS

The Council of the Town of Outlook, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

I. TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Fire Pit Bylaw.

II. DEFINITIONS

- a) "Chief" means the Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Outlook, or such other person who may be appointed by Council to carry out the provisions of this bylaw;
- b) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Outlook;
- c) "Open Air Fire" means any fire intentionally lit on private property for the enjoyment of the property's residents;
- d) "Outdoor Fire Appliance" means a device designed specifically for the purpose of burning charcoal or seasoned wood;
- e) "Town" means the Town of Outlook.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. No person shall light, ignite, start, or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without first having obtained a written permit to do so from the Fire Chief, in Form 1, as attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
2. No permit is required to light, ignite, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a charcoal or gas operated barbecue, grill, or similar device used to cook food.
3. A person to whom a permit has been issued shall place and at all times keep a competent person in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering and shall provide that person with sufficient equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous. The equipment to be used should consist of a garden hose connected to the water supply or portable fire extinguishers.
4. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to prohibit any or all open fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
5. Open air fires shall not be set unless the following measures are taken to limit their spread:
 - i) Fires shall be contained in a non-combustible receptacle constructed of concrete, brick, or sheet metal with a minimum 18-gauge thickness, with openings not exceeding 13 millimeters (0.5 inch);
 - ii) The receptacle shall be covered with a heavy gauge screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimeters (0.5 inch);
 - iii) The size of the fire box of any receptacle shall not exceed 75 centimeters (30 inches); the receptacle shall not exceed 51 centimeters (20 inches) in height;
 - iv) The area 40 centimeters (16 inches) on the ground around and under the receptacle shall be free of combustible materials or vegetation and shall be covered with sand or another type of non-combustible material;
 - v) The receptacle shall be located on private property, a minimum of 3 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building, or combustible structures, or from trees or vegetation.
6. The fuel for open air fires shall consist only of charcoal or cut, seasoned wood. The burning of rubbish, garden refuse, manure, livestock or animal carcasses is prohibited, as is the burning of any material which when burned, will generate black smoke or an offensive odor, including insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, creosoted wood or any similar material.
7. Open air fires shall be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke.
8. Open air fires shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person.
9. If smoke from an open air fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire shall be extinguished immediately.
10. Open air fires shall not be allowed prior to 11:00 a.m. All open air fires shall be extinguished not later than 1:00 a.m.
11. If due to excessive flames and/or smoke of any residential open air fire pit, a call is placed to the local fire department and firefighters are dispersed, the owner of the fire pit may be assessed a fine.

12. The Fire Chief shall, at all times, have access and authority to inspect any open air fire appliance and determine the compliance with this Bylaw in the matter of care and control of any open air fire.
13. Nothing contained in this Bylaw shall relieve any person from complying with all relevant laws, regulations or bylaws, and in particular, with the provisions of *The Air Pollution Control Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan, and the regulations passed pursuant thereto.
14. Any person found guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable to the penalties provided in the General Penalty Bylaw of the Town of Outlook.
15. Bylaw No. 14(2002) is hereby repealed.
16. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of final reading thereof.





Mayor



Administrator

Certified a True Copy of Bylaw No. 20/19
passed the 27th day of November, 2019.



Chief Administrative Officer



FORM 1

OPEN AIR FIRE PIT RECEPTACLE PERMIT

Permit No. _____ Date: _____ 20 _____

Name: _____

Civic Address: _____

Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Description of area where open air fire pit receptacle is located: *(include site location on back of this form)*:

Safety Precautions/Conditions:

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- The receptacle shall be covered with a heavy gauge screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimeters (0.5 inch);
- The size of the fire box of any receptacle shall not exceed 75 centimeters (30 inches); the receptacle shall not exceed 51 centimeters (20 inches) in height;
- The area 40 centimeters (16 inches) on the ground around and under the receptacle shall be free of combustible materials or vegetation and shall be covered with sand or another type of non-combustible material;
- The receptacle shall be located on private property, a minimum of 3 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building, or combustible structures, or from trees or vegetation.
- A person to whom a permit has been issued shall place and at all times keep a competent person in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering and shall provide that person with sufficient equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous. The equipment to be used should consist of a garden hose connected to the water supply or portable fire extinguishers.
- Open air fires shall not be allowed prior to 11:00 a.m. All open air fires shall be extinguished not later than 1:00 a.m.
- **The Town of Outlook assumes no responsibility for any burning or consequence of any burning. The owner is responsible for all damages which may occur as a result of burning. The owner may be required to extinguish the fire at any time if it causes unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.**

Applicant's Name (Please Print)

Applicant's Signature

Address

Phone Number

PERMIT ACCEPTED: _____ Date: _____
Fire Chief's Signature

PERMIT REJECTED: _____ Date: _____
Fire Chief's Signature

EXPLANATION: _____

