

TOWN OF OUTLOOK

BYLAW NO. 10 (2022)

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 Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue or Deputy Chief of Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue, 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

- a. At all times a competent person needs to be in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering and sufficient equipment shall be close at hand in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous. The equipment to be used should consist of, at the very minimum, a garden hose connected to the water supply or portable fire extinguishers.
- b. The Chief shall have the authority to prohibit any or all open fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
- c. 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 on the receptacle 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 burn area not to exceed 1 meter (3 feet) in width, height or diameter when measured between the widest points.
 - iv. The area 40 centimeters (16 inches) on the ground around and under the receptacle should be free of combustible materials or vegetation and should be covered with sand or another type of non-combustible material;
 - v. The receptacle shall be located in back yards only within reasonable clearance from buildings, property lines, or other combustible material.
 - vi. The fuel for open-air fires shall consist only of charcoal or cut, seasoned wood. The burning of elm wood, 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.
 - vii. Open-air fires shall be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke.
 - viii. Open-air fires shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person.
 - ix. 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.
 - x. 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.
 - xi. The 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.
 - xii. If a complaint is issued by any person or if the fire department is called to any location AND the fire pit is found to be non-compliant with this bylaw, then the chief or deputy chief will do an inspection and fill out form 1, that is attached to this bylaw.

- IV. 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.
- V. 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.
- VI. Bylaw No. 20(2019) is hereby repealed.
- VII. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of final reading thereof.



Mayor

Administrator

Certified a True Copy of
Bylaw 10(2022) adopted
by Resolution of Council
on this 22nd day of June, 2022

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FORM 1

OPEN AIR FIRE PIT VIOLATION FORM

Date: _____ 20 _____

Name: _____

Civic Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Description of area where open-air fire pit receptacle is located on the property and a photo:
(include site location on back of this form):

Safety Precautions/Conditions:

- 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);
- The receptacle shall be covered with a heavy gauge screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimeters (0.5 inch);
- The burning area not to exceed 1 meter (3 feet) in width, height or diameter when measured between the widest points.
- The area 40 centimeters (16 inches) on the ground around and under the receptacle should be free of combustible materials or vegetation and should be covered with sand or another type of non-combustible material;
- The receptacle shall be located in back yards only within reasonable clearance from buildings, property lines, or other combustible material.
- At all times keep a competent person in charge of the fire while it is burning or smoldering and sufficient equipment shall be close at hand in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous. The equipment to be used should consist of, at the very minimum, a garden hose connected to the water supply or portable fire extinguishers.
- **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.**

Owner's Name (Please Print)

Owner Signature

Town Signature

Date

List of Violations:

Corrective Action:

Date to be Correct By: _____

Checked By: _____ Date: _____