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Fire Rings, Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces

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Decorative fire rings/pits and outdoor fireplaces (including chimineas), with the exception of permanently installed outdoor fireplaces built in accordance with the *International Building Code* fall under the scope of this document.

The final responsibility for the safe installation and use of a decorative fire pit or an outdoor fireplace is the responsibility of the homeowner. This document is not intended to be inclusive of all requirements that may exist that will govern your particular installation, but rather is intended to provide general guidance in the installation and use of these types of devices.

General Requirements:

(As used herein, the term "device" includes, but is not limited to fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas.)

- The device must be constructed of appropriate non-combustible materials.
- The device must be of good workmanship and be built, used and maintained in a safe manner.
- The device may not be located within 15 feet of a property line or within 10 feet of a structure or combustible materials. If the device is incorporated into or placed on or near a combustible deck, adequate safeguards should be in place to protect the deck from embers and radiant heat. (Note – Gas fired devices may be located within 10 feet of a property line and may exceed the size limits listed below with the approval of the fire marshal.
- A spark arrestor or similar screen designed to capture airborne embers should be used.
- The use of the device can-not create a fire hazard. Outdoor devices can-not be used during burn bans or red flag wind advisory days.
- The use of the device may not create a nuisance smoke condition on any adjacent property.
- The use of the device cannot create a fire hazard.
- City ordinance prohibits the burning of trash, brush, leaves, scrap lumber and other products in the city. This prohibition includes burning these materials in these devices. Naturally occurring wood products and charcoal are the only authorized materials that may be burned in a device.
- A means of immediately extinguishing the fire must be available.
- The device must be under the direct supervision of a competent adult at all times while in operation.

Fire Pits:

- Fire rings/pits must be constructed such that the fire is contained within the pit. The size of a fire ring/pit is limited to an area not more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.

Outdoor Fireplace:

- An outdoor fireplace may fall under the regulations imposed by Section 2111 of the *2015 International Building Code*. Contact the Building Department at 817-685-1628 with specific information on your fireplace to determine if a permit is required and to determine compliance with the building code.