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Open Burning and Recreational Fires

Section 16.1 – General

16.1.1 Scope.

The provisions of this standard shall apply to open burning and recreational fires within the corporate limits of the City of Houston

16.1.2 Purpose.

The purpose of these provisions shall be to provide guidelines for open burning and recreational fires in accordance with the City of Houston *Fire Code* and this standard.

16.1.3 Open Burning Prohibited.

All open burning within the City of Houston shall be prohibited unless approval of the Fire Code Official has been issued in the form of a permit.

16.1.4 Discontinuance of Open Burning.

The Fire Code Official is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued (permitted or otherwise) if it is determined that the emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

Section 16.2 – Definitions

16.2.1 Fire Officer.

Fire department captains, inspectors, and investigators holding ranks up to fire chief.

16.2.2 Open Burning.

The burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire, campfire, trench fire, or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an approved incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or barbecue pit.

Section 16.3 – Barbecue Pits

16.3.1 Permit Not Required.

Permits are not required for indoor or outdoor barbecue pits.

16.3.2 Barbecue Pits Indoors.

Barbecue pits used for commercial cooking in buildings shall be constructed as commercial food heat-processing equipment in accordance with the *Construction Code*.

16.3.3 Barbecue Pits Outdoors.

Portable and stationary outdoor barbecue pits shall be constructed of concrete or other approved noncombustible material.

16.3.4 Barbecue Pits Used for Burning Trash.

Barbecue pits shall not be used for the burning of trash, rubbish, or discarded leaves and branches.

16.3.5 Location in Relation to Buildings.

Portable barbecue pits, charcoal grills, and other open flame cooking devices outside of a building shall not be operated on combustible balconies or located within 10 feet of combustible walls or roofs or other combustible materials.

16.3.6 Disposal of Ash or Coals.

Prior to disposal, hot ash or coals from barbecue pits and charcoal burners shall be placed in a noncombustible container until cooled or thoroughly saturated with water.

Section 16.4 – Trench Burning

16.4.1 Compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Trench burning shall be in accordance with this section and written permission from the Executive Director of the TCEQ. If there is a conflict among applicable regulations, the more restrictive regulations shall apply. Compliance with TCEQ rules does not assure automatic approval for a Houston Fire Department Open Burning (Trench) Permit.

16.4.2 Permit Required.

The owner of a facility that conducts trench burning or the owner's agent shall apply for the required permits and pay all applicable fees therefor. Applications for Open Burning (Trench) Permits that are submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a fee for a priority inspection. If an inspection is requested by the permit applicant at a specific time, the applicant shall be subject to a fee established in the City fee schedule for a priority inspection in accordance with Sections 106.2.5 and 107.1.2.2 of the *Fire Code*.

Permit Office contact information is as follows:

The Houston Permitting Center

1002 Washington Avenue

Houston, Texas 77002

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Monday through Friday

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16.4.3 Plot Plan Required.

A plot plan of the proposed Open Burning (Trench) site shall be submitted with the permit application. Plot plans must include, but are not limited to:

1. Address of the site;
2. Length, width, and depth of the property;
3. Location of trench on property;
4. Distance to building exposures; and,

5. Length, width, and depth of the trench.

16.4.4 Permit at Location.

An approved Open Burning (Trench) permit shall be available at the site any time burning is in progress.

16.4.5 Length of Permit Approval.

An Open Burning (Trench) permit shall that is approved shall be valid for only a period of 90 consecutive calendar days at a time, whether for temporary or permanent sites, and the trench burning facility owner or owner's agent shall submit a renewal application for burning for each additional 90-day period.

16.4.6 Operation Shut Down.

The trench burning operation shall be shut down if: 1) wind direction or other atmospheric conditions cause the operation to become a nuisance or hazardous to the public or 2) it is determined that emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property. The operation shall be shut down upon the order of any fire officer or police officer. Failure to do so shall result in the revocation of the permit.

16.4.7 Operation After Dark.

There shall be no open burning operations after nightfall. Any operation after dark shall void the fire department permit and shall result in the revocation of the permit.

16.4.8 Distance to Exposures.

No site nearer than 600 feet to any school, medical facility, or residence (apartment, condominium, etc.) shall be approved. Trench burning shall be operated at least 300 feet from any recreational area, residence, or other structure not occupied or used solely by the owner of the trench burner or the owner of the property upon which the trench burner is located.

16.4.9 Ground Opening.

The trench shall be opened in undisturbed soil that has not previously been excavated, built up, compacted, or used in any type of landfill operation.

16.4.10 Trench Size.

The trench shall be no wider than 12 feet with a minimum depth of 10 feet. The maximum length of the burning area as measured along the bottom of the trench shall not exceed by more than 5 feet the length of the manifold. The walls of the trench must be maintained such that they will remain vertical.

16.4.11 Operating Hours.

Operation of the trench burner is limited to the hours between 8:00am and 6:00pm (daylight hours only) and is limited to a total of 8 hours per day and 1,000 hours per year. A written record or log of the hours of operation of the trench burner shall be maintained at the burn site and made available at the request of the Fire Code Official.

16.4.12 Added Material.

Material shall not be added to the trench, and debris shall have been consumed to ash residue by sunset or 6:00pm.

16.4.13 Blower Operation.

The blower shall remain on until all material is consumed so that any remaining material in the trench will not smoke when the blower is turned off. Alternatively, any and all material shall be completely extinguished.

16.4.14 Material to be Burned.

Material not being consumed by the fire and material being stock piled to be burned at a later date must be kept at least 75 feet from the trench. If water is not available for firefighting, this distance shall be increased to 200 feet.

16.4.15 Material Height in Trench.

Material shall not be added to the trench in such a manner as to be stacked above the air curtain at any time.

16.4.16 Removal of Ash.

Ash generated by this operation shall be removed from the trench as often as necessary in order to maintain the minimum trench depth of 10 feet. The ash shall be removed in such a manner that minimizes the likelihood that ash will become airborne. All material removed from the trench must be completely extinguished before being landfilled or placed in contact with combustible material to prevent combustion outside of the trench or in the landfill.

16.4.17 Operating Instructions.

Operating instructions for the trench burning device that are provided in this standard shall be posted at the burn site. All operators shall read and have knowledge of these instructions. The operating instructions shall be made available at the request of the Fire Code Official.

16.4.18 Trench Burner Operator.

The trench burner operator shall remain with the trench burner at all times when the burner is in operation.

16.4.19 Wind Speed.

Trench burning operations shall not be operated when the surface wind speed is predicted to be less than 6 miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour.

16.4.20 Weather Stagnation Advisories and Burn Bans.

Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent (12 hours or more) low level atmospheric temperature inversions (non-surface based) or in areas covered by a current county "burn ban" warning or State or National Weather Air Stagnation Advisory.

16.4.21 Burning Inside Loop 610.

Trench burning operations are prohibited inside of Loop 610.

16.4.22 Fire Dispatcher Notification.

The operator of the trench burner must notify the Fire Department Communication Center Dispatch Supervisor before and at the end of each burning operation.

Telephone: (713) 884-3143

Section 16.5 – Bonfires

16.5.1 Compliance with TCEQ.

Bonfires shall be in accordance with this section and TCEQ rules. If there is a conflict among applicable regulations, the more restrictive regulation shall apply. Compliance with TCEQ rules does not assure automatic approval for a fire department Open Burning (Bonfire) permit.

16.5.2 Permit Required.

The person conducting a bonfire shall apply for the required permit and pay all applicable fees therefor. Applications for Open Burning (Bonfire) submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a priority inspection fee.

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The Houston Permitting Center

1002 Washington Avenue

Houston, Texas 77002

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16.5.3 Site Plans.

Site plans showing the exact location of the bonfire and indicating the distances to buildings and other exposures shall be submitted with the permit application.

16.5.4 Distance to Exposure.

The minimum distance of the bonfire to the nearest building or other exposure (fences, autos, etc.) shall be at least 300 feet.

16.5.5 Time Limit.

Bonfires shall be limited to 1-hour duration.

16.5.6 Wind Speed.

Bonfires shall not be ignited where the wind speed at the location exceeds 23 miles per hour. A permit holder shall immediately extinguish a bonfire where the wind speed exceeds 23 miles per hour.

16.5.7 Size of Bonfire.

The overall size of the bonfire shall not exceed 12 feet in height, 12 feet in width, and 12 feet in length, or 1728 cubic feet of area.

16.5.8 Materials for Bonfire.

Combustible materials shall not be moved onto the premises before 7:00am on the date of the bonfire.

16.5.9 Prohibited Materials for Bonfires.

The following materials are prohibited from use in a bonfire:

1. Flammable or combustible liquids;
2. Auto tires;
3. Waste oil;
4. Asphalt roofing and asphalt waste;
5. Creosoted materials;
6. Any hydrocarbon derivatives; or,
7. Highly combustible materials such as paper, excelsior, wood shingles, and cardboard boxes.

16.5.10 Approved Combustibles and Quantities.

Combustible liquids such as kerosene, diesel fuel, etc. may be used for igniting the bonfire. A maximum of 5 gallons of said combustible liquid, if stored in an approved metal safety container, may be kept on the premises for this purpose.

16.5.11 Bonfire Supervision.

The bonfire shall be supervised by at least one responsible adult, and the said adult's name and title shall appear on the permit (permit holder).

16.5.12 Fire Protection.

Approved portable fire extinguishers with minimum 4-A ratings, or a garden hose of sufficient length connected to an approved water supply, shall be within 35 feet path-of-travel distance to all sides of the bonfire prior to lighting the bonfire.

16.5.13 Bonfire Extinguishment.

The bonfire shall be completely extinguished before the site is left unattended. The permit holder will be held responsible for complete extinguishment of the bonfire and subsequent debris created by the fire.

16.5.14 Debris Removal.

Debris resulting from the bonfire must be removed from the premises within 24 hours. The debris and its removal are the responsibility of the permit holder.

16.5.15 Fire Dispatcher Notified.

The Houston Fire Department Communications Center shall be notified on the evening of the burning, at least one hour prior to the burn.

Telephone: (713) 884-3143.

16.5.16 Air Quality Control Notified.

The City of Houston Bureau of Air Quality Control shall be notified on the evening of the burning.

16.5.17 Weather Stagnation Advisories and Burn Bans.

Bonfires shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent (12 hours or more) low-level atmospheric temperature inversions (non-surface based) or in areas covered by a current county "burn ban" warning or State or National Weather Air Stagnation Advisory.

Section 16.6 – Campfires

16.6.1 Compliance with TCEQ.

Campfires shall be in accordance with this section and TCEQ rules. If there is a conflict among applicable regulations, the more restrictive shall apply. Compliance with TCEQ rules does not assure automatic approval for a fire department Open Burning (Campfire) permit.

16.6.2 Permit Required.

The person conducting a campfire shall apply for the required permit and pay all applicable fees therefor. Applications for Open Burning (Campfire) permits submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a priority inspection fee.

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16.6.3 Plans Required.

The applicant shall submit a drawing of the campfire site indicating the location of the campfire(s) with the permit application.

16.6.4 Distance to Exposures.

The location of the campfire shall not be within 50 feet from any structure or combustible exposures such as buildings, fences, automobiles, trailers, and trees.

Exceptions:

1. If the burn container measures 36 inches x 36 inches x 24 inches tall, and there is no burning material above the rim, the distance from combustible exposures may be reduced by 25 feet.
2. Combustible materials used for bench style group seating arrangements shall be no less than 15 feet from the burn container rim. Each bench shall

be separated horizontally from the others by not less than 36 inches. Seating materials that are treated to be flame resistant may be used within 10 feet of the container upon successful passing of a field flame test conducted by a Fire Inspector. No less than two directions of egress shall be maintained from the burn container area.

16.6.5 Containment of Campfire.

The campfire shall be contained in a metal container no less than 15 inches high with dimensions not to exceed 60 inches by 60 inches. The stack shall be limited in height to 15 inches above the rim and shall be stacked in a flat, pallet-style configuration to eliminate the risk of burning wood falling out of the container. The allowable volume of wood per container shall never exceed 50% of the container volume. An additional amount of wood that is equal to the amount of wood in the container may be stacked above the rim in the same configuration. This will allow the container to hold 100% of the burning wood at all times. Adding wood to the campfire as it is consumed will be allowed as long as the maximum amounts are not exceeded.

16.6.6 Campfire Supervision.

The campfire shall be attended at all times by a responsible adult who is knowledgeable in fire extinguishment as required in this section. Additional burn material may be cautiously and safely added to the campfire only by a reasonable adult, and only when it is safe to do so. The campfire shall be fully extinguished before the site is left unattended. The permit holder will be held responsible for complete extinguishment of the campfire and subsequent debris created by the fire.

16.6.7 Fire Protection.

The fire protection requirements for a campfire are as follows:

1. An approved portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating must be on site.
2. A garden hose of sufficient length with a spray nozzle attached must be on site or readily available.
3. The garden hose must be connected to an approved water supply and must provide fire protection in all directions around the campfire.

16.6.8 Wind Speed.

Campfires shall not be ignited where the wind speed at the location exceeds 23 miles per hour. A permit holder shall immediately extinguish a campfire where the wind speed exceeds 23 miles per hour.

16.6.9 Prohibited Materials for Campfires.

The following materials are prohibited from use in a campfire:

1. Flammable or combustible liquids;
2. Auto tires;
3. Waste oil;
4. Asphalt roofing and asphalt waste;
5. Creosoted materials;
6. Any hydrocarbon derivatives; or,

7. Highly combustible materials such as paper, excelsior, wood shingles, and cardboard boxes.

16.6.10 Debris Removal.

Debris resulting from the campfire must be removed from the premises within 24 hours. Removal of debris is the responsibility of the permit holder.

16.6.11 Fire Dispatcher Notified.

The Houston Fire Department Communications Center shall be notified at least one hour prior to burn.

Telephone: (713) 884-3143.

Section 16.7 – Firewalking

16.7.1 Compliance with TCEQ.

Firewalking shall be in accordance with this section and TCEQ rules. If there is a conflict among applicable regulations, the more restrictive shall apply. Compliance with TCEQ rules does not assure automatic approval for a Fire Department Open Burning (Firewalking) Permit.

16.7.2 Permit Required.

The person conducting a firewalk shall apply for the required permit and pay all applicable fees therefor, including supervisory fire watch fee. Applications for Open Burning (Firewalking) permits submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a priority inspection fee.

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16.7.3 Plans Required.

The applicant shall submit a drawing of the firewalking site indicating the location of the firewalking with the permit application. Proof of permission from the owner of the property must be provided with the application specifically in writing before the permit can be approved.

16.7.4 Standby Fire Watch Required.

A standby fire watch will observe the firewalk to verify that the activity is conducted safely. The standby fire watch shall remain on site until such time as the coals are completely extinguished. A standby fire watch application shall be submitted with the Open Burning (Firewalking) permit application in accordance with the *Fire Code*.

16.7.5 Distance to Exposures.

The location of the firewalking shall not be within 25 feet of any structure or combustible exposures such as fences, automobiles, and trailers.

16.7.6 Firewalking Coals.

The coals for firewalking shall be contained in an approved container of metal construction with sides at least 4 inches high or in the ground at least 4 inches deep. The height of the coals shall not extend above the side of the containment.

16.7.7 Fire Protection.

One of the following shall be provided within 35 feet path-of-travel distance to the firewalk area:

1. An approved portable fire extinguisher with minimum 4-A rating; or
2. A garden hose of sufficient length that is connected to an approved water supply.

16.7.8 Wind Speed.

A fire walk shall not begin or continue when the winds exceed 23 miles per hour.

16.7.9 Prohibited Materials for Firewalking.

The following materials are prohibited from use in firewalking:

1. Flammable or combustible liquids;
2. Auto tires;
3. Waste oil;
4. Asphalt roofing and asphalt waste;
5. Creosoted materials;
6. Any hydrocarbon derivatives; or,
7. Highly combustible materials such as paper, excelsior, wood shingles, and cardboard boxes.

16.7.10 Firewalking Coal Extinguishment.

The firewalking coals shall be completely extinguished before the site is left unattended. The permit holder will be held responsible for complete extinguishment of the coals and any subsequent debris created by the firewalking event.

16.7.11 Debris Removal.

Debris resulting from the firewalk must be removed from the premises within 24 hours. Removal of the debris is the responsibility of the permit holder.

16.7.12 Fire Dispatcher Notified.

The Houston Fire Department Communications Center shall be notified on the evening of the burning and at least one hour prior to the burn.

Telephone: (713) 884-3143.

Section 16.8 – Open Flames (Torch Devices)

16.8.1 Permit Required.

No person shall install, erect, or maintain any open flame torch for aesthetic or decorative value on any premises within the City of Houston unless a permit is obtained for the installation or erection of such from the permit office. Applications submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a priority inspection fee.

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16.8.2 Plans and Permit Required.

Before beginning the installation or erection of any open flame torch utilizing combustible materials, including but not limited to, natural gas, LP-gas, propane, or combustible liquids in the city, an applicant must submit a permit application to the permit office along with a plot plan showing the following:

1. Location of torches and their proximity to buildings;
2. Vegetation and other combustibles;
3. Driveways;
4. Parking areas; and,
5. Streets and walkways.

Cut away drawings of the device and the method of installation must also be submitted.

16.8.3 Torches Using Natural Gas.

Devices utilizing natural gas shall be installed by a licensed plumber and shall have the installation of the device and piping permitted and approved by the City of Houston's plumbing plan review and inspection sections.

16.8.4 Flammable Liquids.

Flammable liquids, including liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), shall not be used for open flame torches.

16.8.5 Regulated Orifice.

A regulated orifice shall be placed within the fuel supply line of each torch of such size to prevent a flame of more than 18 inches in height above the burner outlet when the valve is fully open.

16.8.6 Gas Pressure.

Gas shall be delivered to the device at a pressure not greater than the pressure normally provided for by permitted installations approved in accordance with the Houston plumbing code.

16.8.7 Height of Burner.

The height of the bottom of the burner of the torch shall be at least 8 feet above the ground level.

16.8.8 Torch Protection.

Torches adjacent to streets, parking areas, driveways, or walkways shall be curbed or otherwise barricaded to prevent mechanical damage.

16.8.9 Torch Location.

Torches shall not be located closer than 10 feet to any street, parking area, driveway, or walkway and shall not be installed closer than 10 feet to any building or combustible material including vegetation, shrubbery, banners, decorations, or similar materials.

Section 16.9 – Open Flames (Candles)

16.9.1 General.

The use of candles and other open flame decorative devices shall be in accordance with the *Fire Code* and this standard. Permits and standby fire watch shall be required by the Fire Code Official for public assembly activities, events and theatrical performances where candles and other open flame devices are to be used. Applications submitted less than 5 business days prior to the event will incur a priority inspection fee.

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16.9.2 Candles and Other Open Flame Decorative Devices.

In places of public assembly and drinking or dining establishments, the use of candles or other open flame devices may be permitted, provided:

1. Classes I and II flammable liquids and LP-gas shall not be used.
Exception: Where candles on tables are securely supported on substantial noncombustible bases and the candle flames are protected.
2. Liquid or solid fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces of fuel must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute if tipped over.
3. The device or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spillage of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute when the device or holder is not in an upright position.
4. The device or holder shall be designed so that it will return to the upright position after being tilted to an angle of 45-degrees from vertical.

Exception: Units that self-extinguish if tipped over and do not spill fuel or wax at the rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute if tipped over.

5. The flame shall be enclosed except as follows:
 - a. Openings on the side shall not be more than 3/8-inch diameter.
 - b. Openings on the top and the distance to the top shall be such that a piece of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in 10 seconds.
6. Chimneys shall be made of noncombustible materials. Such chimneys shall be securely attached to the open flame device.

Exception: The chimney need not be attached to any open flame device that will self-extinguish if the device is tipped over.
7. Fuel canisters shall be safely sealed for storage.
8. Storage and handling of combustible liquids shall be in accordance with the *Fire Code*.
9. Shades, if used, shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open flame device holder or chimney.
10. Candelabras with flame lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning and shall be located a minimum of 5-feet away from occupants using the area and away from possible contact with drapes, curtains, or other combustibles, unless specifically approved by the Fire Code Official.

16.9.3 Religious Ceremonies.

When, in the opinion of the Fire Code Official, adequate safeguards have been taken, participants in religious ceremonies are allowed to carry handheld candles. Handheld candles shall not be passed from one person to another while lighted.

16.9.4 Theatrical Performances.

When approved, open flame devices used in conjunction with theatrical performances are allowed to be used when adequate safety precautions have been taken.

16.9.5 General Precautions for Candle Use.

A candle or open flame decorative device should not be placed on or near combustible materials, including table or desk tops, and should be placed so that it is not subject to accidental overturning. Flame tips should not reach beyond the lip of the container or holder. A candle not within a container or holder shall be safeguarded from accidental contact with, or hot wax spillage onto, any combustible materials.

Section 16.10 – Open Flames (Food Preparation)

16.10.1 General.

The preparation or use of flaming foods or beverages in places of public assembly and drinking or dining establishments shall be in accordance with this standard.

16.10.2 Dispensing.

Flammable or combustible liquids used in the preparation of flaming foods or beverages shall be dispensed from one of the following:

1. A 1-ounce unbreakable container; or,

2. An unbreakable container not to exceed 1-quart capacity with a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to a 1-ounce serving.

16.10.3 Containers Not in Use.

Containers shall be secured to prevent spillage when not in use.

16.10.4 Serving of Flaming Food.

The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling, or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of 8 inches above the receiving receptacle.

16.10.5 Location.

Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being serviced. They shall not be transported or carried while burning.

16.10.6 Fire Protection.

The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency.

References

1. City of Houston *Fire Code*.
2. City of Houston *Building Code*.

All reference materials used under this Life Safety Bureau standard shall be in accordance with the most current adopted City of Houston *Construction Code*.