

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 16 FIRE PREVENTION CODE, CHAPTER 1620 OPEN BURNING, BY ENACTING NEW SECTION 1620.07, RECREATIONAL FIRES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: Council has investigated use of chimeneas and has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to create regulations that will adequately control recreational fires in order to prevent as much as possible, residential fires, and

WHEREAS: Council desires to amend the Code to provide regulations for recreational fires which will make use of such fires safer for residential properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part 16 Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 1620 Open Burning is here by amended by creating a new Section 1620.07 Recreational Fires which shall hereinafter read as follows:

1620.07 RECREATIONAL FIRES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.

- (1) "Recreation fire" shall mean the burning of seasoned firewood for outdoor recreations purposes in an enclosure designed specifically for ember and flame containment, excluding barrels and rocked in pits. The total fuel area shall not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height.
- (2) "Seasoned firewood" shall mean hardwood that has been allowed to dry for six to twelve months.
- (3) "Green wood" shall mean any wood that is not seasoned or hardwood.
- (4) "Chimenea" shall mean a clay or ceramic enclosure that is specifically designed for recreational burning.
- (5) "Outdoor fire place" shall mean an elevated enclosure designed specifically for recreational and cooking fires that contain components for ember and flame confinement. Outdoor fire places are required to have metal grated sides and a lid.
- (6) "Tree line" shall mean any group of trees with a height greater than ten feet.
- (7) "Tall grass" shall mean any area of grass that is higher than eight inches.

(b) REGULATIONS CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FIRES.

- (1) If the wind direction causes the smoke to be a nuisance to the public, the fire will be required to be relocated or extinguished. The Fire Official has the right to determine if the wind conditions pose a hazard requiring fires to be extinguished.
- (2) Location Regulations:
  - (A) Recreational fires shall not be set within fifteen feet of tall grass or tree lines.
  - (B) Recreational fires shall not be located within fifteen feet of vehicles, buildings or structures including: houses, garages, overhangs from buildings such as porches or carports, sheds, and wooden fences.
  - (C) Recreational fires shall not be set within five feet from property lines.
  - (D) Recreational fires shall not be set within ten feet from public sidewalks, roads and public right of ways.
  - (E) Recreational fires shall not be set within ten feet from any fire lanes.

(c) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON RECREATIONAL FIRES.

- (1) Only seasoned firewood shall be burned in outdoor fireplaces and chimeneas; no rubbish, green wood, treated wood, painted wood, stained wood, or pallets will be permitted to be burned;
- (2) Outdoor fireplaces are required to be covered with lids when not being used to cook food;
- (3) Generally, all commercially manufactured chimeneas and outdoor fireplaces are acceptable burning receptacles;
- (4) Flames shall not be higher than the components of the fireplace;
- (5) An adequate fire extinguisher (1 extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or 2 extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating) or garden hose is required to be readily accessible in close proximity to the fire;
- (6) A responsible adult is required to be in close proximity to the fire until extinguished;
- (7) All recreational fires shall be attended to at all times and shall be properly extinguished when done. Fires may only be burned between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 A.M.
- (8) No fires are to be built directly on the ground, and;
- (9) The North Royalton Fire Department has the authority to determine if a recreational fire meets acceptable standards for safe burning. If a Fire Official deems that the fire container is unsafe, the fire shall be extinguished. The Fire Department has the authority to immediately shut down any recreational fire if the fire is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

