CITY BURNING SEASON:

OF SPRING:

MARCH, APRIL

THOMPSON FALL:

SEPT, OCT & NOV

FALLS SUMMER:

(as conditions allow)

Per Forest Service

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED IF

FIRE LARGER THAN 4’ X 3’

REGULATIONS

PERMITS AVAILABLE

AT CITY OFFICE

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

For information call

827-3557

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ORDINANCE NO. 330

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORIDANCE NO. 312 REGULATING OUTDOOR BURNING IN THOMPSON FALLS, MONTATN, AND REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR CERTAIN BURNING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

1. “Burn Permit” means a permit for outdoor burning issued by the Thompson Falls Fire Department.
2. “Residential Burning” means the burning of small outdoor fires consisting of leaves, grass, pruning’s and other yard and gardening refuse burned on lands immediately adjacent go and in close proximity to a human dwelling by the property owner or his designees. No garbage, railroad ties or tires may be burned.

A small firepit shall be allowed.

SECTION 2. Residential Burning. There shall be no outdoor burning within the city, except residential burning which may be permitted only under the conditions set out in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Permit. A fire permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of any residential burning larger than four feet (4’) in diameter and three feet (3’) in height. Any fire permit so obtained may be cancelled by the Thompson Falls Fire Department upon its finding that this chapter is not complied with or that the residential burning causes a hazard or a nuisance. Upon the cancellation of a fire permit, any fire started pursuant to that permit shall be extinguished immediately.

SECTION 4. Precautions. The following precautions shall be taken:

A. The fire shall be attended at all time.

B. Sufficient means to extinguish the fire shall be provided at all times, i.e. Water, shovel, bucket, etc.

C. No fire shall be started earlier than ten o’clock a.m., nor burned after sundown except for firepits.

D. No fire shall be closer than ten feet (10’) to any structure.

E. No fire shall endanger persons or property.

1. The property owner shall be responsible should the fire cause damage to other property or if the Fire Department must be called out. Property owner may be billed at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designated representative.
2. Open burning shall comply with all Forest Service regulations and dates..
3. This permit covers pile burning only. Lot burning must be inspected and specifically approved by the Fire Chief.

SECTION: 5. Prohibited. The burning of any material not described in Section 1B is prohibited.

SECTION 6. Violation – Penalty. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 7. Ordinances in Conflict. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Invalidity. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. An emergency exists in that the present health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city of Thompson Falls demand the immediate passage of this ordinance, and it shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA THIS 13th day of September, 2010.

BURN PERMIT / APPLICATION

City of Thompson Falls

# Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Burn Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Burn location if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have received and reviewed Ordinance No. 330, regulating outdoor burning in Thompson Falls.

I agree to abide by and accept all the provisions of said Ordinance.

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Applicant Signature Neil Harnett, Thompson Falls Fire Chief or Nate Saint, Asst. Fire Chief

\_\_\_\_\_\_Copy to Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Copy to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Original to City Clerk

RCVD BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ RCVD BY POLICE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ INSPECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**BURNING SEASON YOU MUST CALL DEQ AT 1-800-225-6779 OR CHECK THEIR WEBSITE AT** [WWW.SMOKEMU.ORG](http://WWW.SMOKEMU.ORG) **BEFORE BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. *Permit must be presented at burn site upon request. Permit not valid until approved.***

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