

PMPOA Fire Burning Regulations

1. No open fire burning is allowed on any PMPOA property, except for in an approved recreational outdoor burning unit.
2. Recreational outdoor burning units are divided into two categories:
 - a. UL Listed or equivalent, commercially manufactured, grills or fire pit tables that use propane, charcoal, or wood pellets.
 - b. Wood burning fire pits that are either commercially manufactured or homemade.
3. Commercial grills or fire pit tables that use either propane, charcoal, or wood pellets do not require prior approval for their use. But when using these devices, the safety requirements, as outlined in Addendum 3, must be followed.
4. Wood burning fire pits can only be used after a PMPOA Fire Pit approval has been issued for that specific unit.
5. PMPOA Fire Pit Approval Request:
 - a. The Architectural Committee is responsible for issuing all PMPOA Fire Pit approvals.
 - b. If an originally approved wood burning fire pit is replaced with another wood burning fire pit, a new approval must be issued prior to its use.
 - c. If multiple fire pits are to be used, each fire pit requires its own approval.
 - d. A PMPOA Fire Pit Approval is transferable upon sale to a new lot owner.
6. Burn Bans:
 - a. A local/regional Burn Ban can be issued by either the N.C. Forest Service or the Rutherford County Fire Marshall.
 - b. A community Burn Ban can be issued by the PMPOA Board of Directors, when the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning for the immediate area.
 - c. An individual Burn Ban can also be issued by the PMPOA Board of Directors to a property owner for violation of this regulation.
7. Notification:
 - a. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that a copy of the current PMPOA Fire Burning Regulation with addendums 1,2,3, & 4 is sent to each lot owner.
 - b. When a burn ban has been issued by N.C. Forest Service, Rutherford County, or PMPOA, a notice will be displayed at the PMPOA front gate entrance and/or on our website.
 - c. A property owner is responsible for communicating these Burning Regulation requirements to their guest(s), contractors, or renters.

Addendums:

1. PMPOA Fire Pit Approval Request form
2. Fire Pit Guidelines
3. Safety Requirements
4. Burning Ban Procedures
5. Architectural Committee Fire Regulation Procedures
6. Fire Regulation Document and Addendums Change Control

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Addendum 1

PMPOA Fire Pit Approval Request

Date Submitted _____

Lot # _____

Name(s) _____

I have read the PMPOA Fire Burning Regulations Yes_____ No_____

Proposed Location of fire pit

Fire Pit Information:

Fire pit commercially manufactured Yes_____ No_____

Enclosure:

Type of material _____

Diameter _____ ft

Height _____ inches

Ember Control Method _____

Site Preparation:

Distance from existing wooden structure(s) _____ ft

Area to be cleared of burnable debris around fire pit _____ ft

Distance above fire pit clear of burnable material _____ ft

Fire Extinguishing:

Fire Extinguisher Type and Rating _____

Water Source

Closest Location _____

Distance from Fire Pit _____ ft

Other methods _____

An inspection of the completed fire pit will be required to ensure all the proper safety clearances and measures are met. Date of inspection to be coordinated with the homeowner and Architectural Committee.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Addendum 2

Fire Pit Guidelines

Construction

Use of commercial manufactured fire pits that meet Underwriters Laboratories or equivalent specifications are permitted without an application provided they meet the specifications below.

Specifications

- The fire pit opening cannot not exceed 4 feet in diameter. The diameter is measured from end points on a circle that pass through the center. A rectangular or square opening is measured from opposed corners.
- The walls of the fire enclosure must be at least 2 feet in height for home-built fire pits only.
- The fire pit enclosure must be made of noncombustible material.
- The fire enclosure opening must be capped with an Underwriters Laboratories listed or equivalent screen that prevents the escape of any burning material from the combustion source. Homemade screens constructed of chicken wire or the like will not be permitted.
- The fire pit must not allow embers or ash to escape thru its enclosure wall.

Location

- Fire pits must be placed at least 20 feet from any wooden structure.
- The ground around the fire pit must be cleared of all combustible materials for at least 15 feet. Note that this does not include live grass such as lawns. If you have questions regarding a specific material, please reach out to the Architectural Committee.
- The area above the fire pit must be clear of any burnable material, including overhanging branches for at least 20 feet.
- It is recommended that the ground around the fire pit be concrete, stone pavers, or some other noncombustible material.

Fire Combustion

- Height of the flames should not exceed 2 feet.
- Only untreated wood can be burned in a recreational fire pit.
- The below listed materials are not allowed to be burned:
 - a. Garbage or household trash
 - b. Tires or other rubber products
 - c. Building materials, including lumber, wire, plastics, or synthetic materials
 - d. Asphalt shingles or heavy oils
 - e. Paints, household, or agricultural chemicals

Addendum 3

Safety Requirements

Fire Suppression

There must be two forms of fire suppression equipment available whenever wood, wood pellets, charcoal, or propane is burned. Examples of acceptable fire suppression equipment are, but not limited to:

- Heavy duty hose, minimum 50 feet in length, with an adjustable tip adapter, preferably a fire nozzle. The ensemble should be tested before a fire is started.
- Type A (Ash) or better metal fire extinguisher, 2.5 gallon minimum. This Type of fire extinguisher must be protected from freezing temperatures.
- Stainless steel fire pail, 1.3 gallon minimum, filled with sand. The pail can be refilled with water if necessary.
- Fire blanket to smother flames.

Fire Safety

The person who starts the fire is responsible for that fire until it is out and cold. That person should be able to pick up all the ashes from that fire without gloves and they must not leave that fire until they do so.

Addendum 4

Burning Ban Procedures

There are four types of Burn Bans:

1. North Carolina Forestry Service

- a. Burn Bans issued by the N.C. Forestry Service prohibit open burning **beyond** 100 feet from any residence. This includes fire pits, burn barrels, campfires, or any other form of open fire.
- b. If a fire requires firefighting from the Forestry Service, the person responsible for setting the fire may be liable to reimburse the N.C. Forest Service for any expenses related to extinguishing the fire.

2. Rutherford County Fire Marshal

- a. Burn Bans issued by the Rutherford County Fire Marshal prohibit open burning **within** 100 feet of any dwelling. This also includes fire pits, burn barrels, campfires, or any other form of open fire.

3. PMPOA – Community

- a. When the U.S. Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning for the immediate area, the PMPOA Board of Directors, will issue a Burn Ban for the PMPOA Community, which would prohibit **all** outdoor burning. This also includes fire pits, burn barrels, campfires, or any other form of open fire.

4. PMPOA – Individual

- a. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a burning ban can be issued to a property owner for violation of the PMPOA Burning Regulation.

Addendum 5

Architectural Committee Fire Regulation Procedures

1. The Architectural Committee is responsible for the review and approval of all fire pits.
2. Steps for processing a PMPOA Fire Pit Approval Request:
 - a. Determine if property owner is an Active member.
 - b. Compare all information in the below sections of the request to the PMPOA Burning Regulation Addendum's Fire Pit Guidelines and Safety Requirements:
 - i. Fire Pit information
 - ii. Site Preparation
 - iii. Fire Extinguishing
 - c. If not an Active member, the request is denied
 - d. If any data is outside the Regulation's limits, the request is denied.
3. When a request has been approved, the request form must be returned to the property owner as a record of authorization. Also, a copy must be retained by the committee and available upon request.
4. After construction of the pit is complete, a member of the Architectural Committee shall inspect the completed pit for conformance to the regulation at a time agreed to by the owner.

Addendum 6

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