

# Recreational Fires in Price City Limits

Recreational fires are permitted in Price City limits under the conditions set out in the International Fire Code (IFC) and following local and state law.

All recreational fires must be in a designated fire pit which includes belowground pits, freestanding fireplaces, and portable devices intended to contain and control outdoor fires.

Belowground fire pits shall be at least four inches in depth and shall be surround on the outside, aboveground, by a non-combustible material such as steel, brick, or masonry.

Fire pits can't be within 25 ft of any structure or/and other combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Fire pits should not exceed 3 ft in diameter with flames and no larger than 2 feet in height

All Fires must be constantly attended at all times until extinguishment.

Owner/operator is liable for any damage resulting from the use of the fire pit.

Must have an on-site means of extinguishment of the fire such as garden hose, dirt, sand, or water barrel

Fire must be put completely out. No smoldering fires

Recreational fires are not for the purpose of disposal of garbage, weeds, leaves or other yard waste.

If a recreational fire or its smoke is deemed as a nuisance the fire must be immediately extinguished.

One of the most common problems with recreational fires is that there is a potential of unwanted smoke and odor. Sometimes the smoke can irritate neighbors or possibly affect those with health problems. The best practice is to let them know why you are starting the fire beforehand. Also, if the smoke becomes a nuisance, and they let you know, it should be extinguished. If Price City receives a complaint about the smoke or odor, we may require the fire to be put out.

## Refences material

2021 International Fire Code – Definitions, 307.4.2, 307.5

Price City Code of Ordinance – 8.08.050, 8-24-010

**\*RECREATIONAL FIRES MAY BE RESTRICTED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS\***

## **2021 International Fire Code**

**Chapter 2 Definitions RECREATIONAL FIRE.** An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

**307.4.2 Recreational Fires** shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**307.5 Attendance** Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

## **Price City Code of Ordinance**

### **8.08.050: BURNING OF GARBAGE, REFUSE AND YARD WASTE; RESTRICTIONS:**

Permit Required: Any person or entity owning or renting land within city limits may conduct open burning to remove unwanted weeds, brush, stubble, yard waste, refuse and other combustibles; provided, that the person or entity first obtains a special burning permit from the fire chief, which shall set forth the date, time, place, and conditions upon which open burning may be allowed. In determining whether a special burning permit should be granted, the fire chief shall take into consideration the potential effect of open burning on the health, safety and welfare of the neighbors residing in the close proximity to the proposed burn site.

### **8.24.010: NUISANCES DESIGNATED; ACTS AND OMISSIONS:**

8.24.010: NUISANCES DESIGNATED; ACTS AND OMISSIONS: A. Whatever is dangerous to human life or health, and whatever renders soil, air, water or food impure or unwholesome, is declared to be a nuisance, and to be illegal. It is unlawful for any person, either as owner, agent or occupant, to create or aid in creating or contributing to, or to maintain a nuisance.

Belowground fire pits shall be at least four inches in depth and shall be surround on the outside, aboveground, by a non-combustible material such as steel, brick, or masonry.