

**Chapter 607
Outdoor Burning**

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607.1 Prohibited Acts. No person shall ignite, feed, allow or permit an open fire, or burn any item or items within the Borough.

607.2 Exceptions to Prohibited Acts.

- a. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any fire intentionally set with the prior written approval of the Fire Chief and the Borough Manager to prevent or abate a fire hazard, to train emergency personnel, or for the protection of the public health.
- b. Fires in commercial gas (natural and LP) or charcoal grills being used for food preparation are permitted without restriction.
- c. Fires of wood or charcoal (outside a commercial grill) may be used for outdoor cookouts, or recreational purposes, with responsible adult supervision if the fire is properly contained in a device or facility intended for this purpose such as a grill, fire ring, outdoor fire pit, fireplace, or chimenea, which shall be no greater than four feet in diameter and which shall be located at least 10 feet between the edge of the fire and the closest building or structure, trees, bushes or shrubs. Such fires must be extinguished at the time the parties conclude the event and retire for the evening.
- d. A wood bonfire may be permitted for special events with written prior approval of the Fire Chief and Borough Manager if it is determined that the fire will be subject to adult supervision and control and that the fire will cause no unreasonable hazard.

607.3 Emergencies. The Borough Manager, the Borough Council, or the Emergency Management Coordinator, may issue an order directing that there shall be no burning within the Borough when it has been determined that an emergency condition exists within the Borough.

607.4 Enforcement. Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall, for a first incident, be given a verbal warning by a police officer or Code Official. The verbal warning shall instruct that the fire shall be fully extinguished within 10 minutes of the presence of the officer. When the Code Official has cause to

believe that a violation of this Chapter has occurred at a household when a member of that household had previously been warned or cited for a violation of this Section, a written Notice of Violation shall be given, and further violations shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of Section 606.99.

The Borough Police and/or Code Official are hereby authorized to request assistance from the Borough Fire Department to extinguish any fire that has been set in violation of this Section, where its assistance is required or where the person who has been given a verbal warning has failed to comply and has not extinguished the fire.

In the event that the Fire Department responds to extinguish the fire, the person or persons to whom a citation has been issued shall be required to pay, as restitution, any costs incurred or assessed as a result of the Fire Department responding to a call for its assistance.