

Recreational Fire Regulations

There is no open burning in the City of Zilwaukee except for *recreational fires* and *portable outdoor fireplaces*.

REFER TO SECTION 307 OF THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, as adopted and enforced by the CITY OF ZILWAUKEE, MI – Ord. No. 35-E, § II, 8-4-2003

Recreational Fire: An outdoor fire where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of **3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height** for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

Portable Outdoor Fireplace: A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one-and two-family dwellings.

All recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces must be a minimum of fifteen feet (15') away from all structures (including fences and outbuildings) or combustible materials and comply with the regulations listed below.

ALL burning in the City of Zilwaukee MUST comply with the following regulations:

- Recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended, by a responsible adult, at least eighteen (18) years of age, until the fire is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher 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.
- Burning is prohibited in sustained winds in excess of 10 mph.
- If a Police or Fire official is required to investigate a fire, they will determine if it is a recreational fire and that all rules and regulations are being followed. They will have the authority to have the fire extinguished, spectators dispersed, and citations issued.
- Grills do not fall under these regulations, if, they are being used for its intended cooking purposes with approved fuels in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.