



# NORTH FOND DU LAC FIRE AND EMS BURNING PERMIT



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Burning Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Burning: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEE ATTACHED VILLAGE ORDINANCE FOR SPECIFICS)

### RESTRICTIONS FOR PERMITS

1. Wind must be less than nine (9) miles per hour at time fire is to be set.
2. Permit must be issued to the land owner.
3. Permit is only good for the length of time indicated above.
4. Fire must always be attended by a responsible adult.
5. Water must be on hand and readily available.
6. It is illegal to burn tires, shingles, tar paper, rubbish, petroleum products, or flammable/combustible liquids.
7. Burn pile must be no closer than 25 feet from other buildings, scrubs, sheds, garages, tree, bushes, fences or anything else that could possibly burn.

### GUIDELINES FOR A BONFIRE PERMIT

1. The pit or ring must be a minimum depth of 10 inches and 2 feet in diameter.
2. Wind must be less than nine (9) miles per hour at time fire is to be set.
3. Bonfires must be out by midnight.
4. The flames can not exceed two (2) feet in height above the pit.
5. The pit must be surrounded by non-combustible materials in accordance with the ordinance.
6. No permits will be issued after dark.
7. Water must be on hand and readily available.
8. Permit will be issued only to the landowner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Issuer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PUBLIC NUISANCES

### 14.01 Open Burning.

(1) **OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED.** No person, firm or corporation shall build any outdoor fire within the corporate limits of the village except as set forth in subsection (2) The purpose of this section is to prohibit or strictly control the burning of materials in the village in order to prevent public nuisances, threats to public safety, and possible air and water pollution that may result from such burning.

(a) It is felt that only by completely prohibiting the outside burning of rubbish, leaves, and other combustibles can such unnecessary public nuisances, dangers, and pollution be abated.

(b) The use of outdoor portable incinerators, drums, barrels or other containers, and outdoor or inside fireplaces for the burning of leaves, trash, garbage, building materials, or refuse is hereby prohibited.

(c) No person shall install, use, or maintain an outdoor wood burning heating system in the Village of North Fond du Lac.

### (2) EXCEPTIONS.

(a) Outdoor cooking fire. Open or closed cooking grills (charcoal and propane fuel only) are exempt from the prohibitions of section (1) above except as follows:

1. For all multiple family dwellings more than one story in height, the use of any propane or charcoal gas cooking device is prohibited above the first floor occupancy.

2. For all multiple family dwellings more than one story in height, the use of any open or closed outdoor cooking fire, charcoal or propane cooking device, or any open flame device is prohibited within 15 (fifteen) feet of the structure on the ground floor.

3. Smoke from outdoor cooking grills shall not disturb or annoy neighboring property owners.

(b) Recreational Fires. Recreational fires defined as any campfire or cooking fire located at a single or two family private residence for the purpose of recreation or personal enjoyment, are exempt from section (1) so long as the fire is started and tended in compliance with the following requirements:

1. An annual permit to burn and an inspection of the site where the recreational fire will be set must first be obtained from the fire department.

a. A permit application for a recreational fire is available from the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

b. The form must be filled out and returned to the Fire Chief or their designee prior to first use of the fire.

2. No recreational fire shall be closer than 25 feet from any other building, structure, shed, garage, trees shrubs, bushes, fences, or any other kind of material that poses a likely risk of combustion.

3. Recreational fires shall be in a below ground fire pit with a minimum depth of 10 inches and diameter of 2 feet. The fire may not, except as defined below, extend more than 2 feet above the pit. The fire pit shall be surrounded on the outside, above ground by a non-combustible material such as concrete block or rock.

4. Portable fire pits, defined as devices commercially designed and intended to contain and control outdoor wood fires, may be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and within the requirements of (b) above. It must be used on a non-combustible surface (dirt without vegetation, stone, gravel, concrete, brick, etc.) with an area twice the diameter of the portable fire pit.

5. Materials burned for recreational fires shall not include rubbish, garbage, recyclable items, trash, any material made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather, pressure treated lumber, or petroleum based materials and shall not contain any flammable or combustible liquids.

6. All recreational fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible adult, from the ignition of the fire until the fire is completely extinguished.

7. The renter/lessee of any leased property must provide written documentation from the property owner, giving permission to have a recreational fire on that property.

8. Any person who has started or maintained a recreational fire as defined herein shall pay any and all costs incurred by the fire department for any service call generated by a recreational fire not in conformance with the provisions of this section.

9. Smoke from any type of recreational fire shall not disturb or annoy neighboring property owners.

(c) *Controlled burning.* Controlled burning of grass or similar vegetation for environmental management purposes, or for training purposes by the fire department can only be performed with prior written permit issued by the fire chief.

(d) *Ceremonial Fires.* Ceremonial campfire or bonfire, can be performed with prior written permit issued by the fire chief. All guidelines for the burn will be specified in the permit.

(e) Other occasions of desirable outdoor burning not specified by this subsection may be allowed with prior written permit issued by the fire chief, but not as an alternative when other refuse removal or disposal of methods are available.

**(3) PERMIT CONDITIONS.**

(a) Any burning permitted under subsection (2) shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner.

(b) Whenever a special permit is issued by the fire chief, the permit may specify and be conditioned upon observance of certain safety restrictions and nuisance mitigation measures.

(c) If the permit requires that a fire truck and crew be present at the fire scene as a safety precaution, the permit holder, at the discretion of the fire chief will be required to reimburse the village for such costs incurred.

(d) The permit holder shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the open burning.

**(4) FIRE CHIEF MAY PROHIBIT.** The fire chief or his designee may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or a nuisance to surrounding residents or passers by.

**(5) BURNING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.** No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, drainage ditch, waterway, alley, or parking lot accessible to the general public.