

Fire Pits and Chimeneas

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This policy outlines the provisions established by the Fire Marshal's office to provide guidance for the safe use of recreational fire pits and chimeneas. This policy applies to all multifamily occupancies (apartments), single family home, or any other occupancy deemed as high risk by the Fire Marshal's office.

General Requirements:

307.4.2 Recreational fires. 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.

307.4.2.1 Residential Recreational Fires. In residential zoning recreational fires must be completely contained within a permanently constructed structure with a masonry floor or a commercially manufactured appliance specifically designed for burning. Burning of coal, charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas only is permitted.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3,048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

307.4.4 Permanent Outdoor Fire pit. Permanently installed outdoor fire pits for recreational fire purposes shall not be installed within 10 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Exception Permanently installed outdoor fireplaces constructed in accordance with the International Building Code.

307.5 Attendance. Open burning, trench burns, bonfires, recreational fires, and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of 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.

For items not listed refer to 2015 IFC, local amendments, and any material deemed applicable by the Fire Marshal.

<http://www.garlandtx.gov/312/Fire-Prevention>

This list is provided as an aid for submittals only, and is not intended to cover every code requirement.