

Part of Chapter 4: Please see the Ordinance link under the City Council Tab for the whole ordinance.

Bonfires Prohibited - Exception

No person shall kindle, maintain or assist in maintaining any bonfire or other exposed fire within the City except when done in conformance with the following safety guidelines:

1. Charcoal grills, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits and chimineas are allowed within the City. While operating fireplaces, fire pits or chimineas, if the smoke or odor emission becomes offensive or objectionable, you will be required to extinguish the fire. Outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and chimineas must:
 - a. Have a total fuel area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in fuel height.
 - b. Be in safe area placed at least 15 feet from any combustibles.
 - c. Have a fire extinguisher or water hose available at all times.
 - d. Use a spark arrestor screen to control sparks and embers.
 - e. Do not leave fire unattended.
 - f. Make sure the fire is out before leaving after enjoying its use.
 - g. Do no discard ashes into a combustible container or garbage receptacle.
2. Fire Pit Guidelines:
 - a. Commercially manufactured fire pits that do not exceed 36 inches in diameter with spark arresters are allowed.
 - b. Fire pits as a structure as part of the permanent landscape design and do not exceed 36 inches in diameter are allowed. Fire pits should be lined with fire brick to protect the masonry from cracking and fragmenting. Spark arrestors shall be in place when using a fire pit.
3. Any person kindling, maintaining or assisting in maintaining any bonfire or other outdoor fire shall be held responsible for any damages that may occur therefrom.
4. **No outdoor fires of any kind shall be allowed at times when a Morton County fire ban is in effect.**

4.0304 Hot Ashes and Other Dangerous Materials - Depositing of

Ashes, smoldering coals or embers, greasy or oily substances and other matter liable to spontaneous ignition shall not be deposited or allowed to remain within ten (10) feet of any combustible materials or construction made up of combustible materials, except in metal or other non-combustible receptacles. Such receptacles shall be placed on non-combustible stands, unless resting on a non-combustible floor or on the ground outside the building, and shall be kept at least two (2) feet away from any combustible wall or partition.

4.0305 Open Burning Prohibited

No person shall kindle, maintain or burn any garbage or other refuse either openly or in containers if such burning is prohibited by state law or proclamation.