

Chapter 8.20

FIRES

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8.20.010 Purpose. To establish procedures for controlled burning within the city limits of Kettle Falls. (Ord. 1381, 1982)

8.20.020 Reserved Authority. The City of Kettle Falls reserves the right to restrict burning and the issuance of a permit therefore due to extreme fire weather, to prevent restriction of visibility and excessive air pollution, or to ensure compliance with applicable state or federal law.

8.20.025 Conditions. It shall be lawful to ignite and maintain an outdoor fire within the City only by compliance with each of the following conditions:

- A. Only natural vegetation (tree limbs, brush, grass clippings, garden refuse, etc.) may be burned.
- B. A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend the fire at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it unattended.
- C. A serviceable shovel and at least five gallons of water or a charged water hose line must be within the immediate vicinity of the fire.
- D. No fires are to be within twenty five (25) feet of any structure.
- E. Material to be burned shall be in hand built piles out of doors and no more than four (4) feet in diameter and three (3) feet in height. Only one pile at a time may be burned.
- F. The material to be burned must be placed on bare soil on private property, and not in the streets or alleys.
- G. If the fire creates a nuisance from smoke or flying ash, it must be extinguished.
- H. Burning will be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.
- I. The person responsible for the fire shall have obtained a fire permit from the City before ignition of the fire.

8.20.030 Permits. Burning permits may be obtained at City Hall, except for previously approved incinerators. No fee will be charged for the permit.

8.20.040 Violation/Penalty. Any person violating any portion of this ordinance shall have committed a Class 1 civil infraction as provided at RCW 7.80.120, or as amended, and shall be subject to a maximum penalty and default amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), excluding statutory assessments. Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (IRLJ) shall govern processing and disposition of any infraction issued hereunder. (Ord. 1680, 2008)