

## **Chapter 7**

### **Fire Prevention and Fire Protection**

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**Part 1****Outdoor Burning****§7-101. Intent.**

The intent of this Part is to protect human life, wildlife, structures, woodlands, open lands and property.

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991*)

**§7-102. Exclusion of Commonwealth Lands.**

All lands within the Township owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are excluded from the provisions of this Part, provided the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has other regulations to control fire hazards in these areas.

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991*)

**§7-103. Controlled Outdoor Burning Permitted.**

Controlled outdoor burning is permitted in the Township under the following conditions:

- A. A responsible person controls and supervises any outdoor burning at all times.
- B. Burning is not permitted under conditions of excessive winds or dryness.
- C. Hazardous or toxic materials or by-products shall not be burned.
- D. Smoke shall be so controlled as not to be offensive to others.
- E. Garbage and trash shall only be burned in a noncombustible container which is covered with a screen.
- F. Leaves, brush, cooking and camp fires shall only be burned in an area cleared in a radius of 25 feet from the fire.
- G. No fire shall be built closer than 50 feet from any structure.
- H. All controlled outdoor burning is in compliance with all other statutes, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 25 Pa.Code §129.14 and §307 of the International Fire Code, most recent edition, or as may be amended from time to time. [*Ord. 41*]

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)

**§7-104. Outdoor Burning Prohibited on Certain Smaller Lots.**

Due to the greater danger in an area of higher building density, outdoor burning is prohibited on smaller lots of  $\frac{1}{3}$  acre or less which contain structures.

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991*)

**§7-105. Violation.**

Violation of this Part shall be determined by the Township Board of Supervisors

and/or the Township Zoning Officer.

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991*)

**§7-106. Penalties.**

Any person who violates any portion of this Part, in addition to being responsible for any damage caused, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 6, 5/9/1991; as amended by Ord. 41, 11/10/2011*)