

Chapter 7. Fire Prevention and Fire Protection

Part 2. OPEN FIRES AND BURNING

§ 7-201. Definitions.

[Ord. 719, 11/11/1996, § 1]

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

BARBECUE GRILL

Any commercially manufactured device made for the purpose of cooking or other device burning charcoal, wood chips, or gas, only.

FIREPIT

A stone, brick or metal construction or device used to contain fires and prevent them from spreading. The height of the exterior of the construction or device must be at least six inches.

[Added by Ord. No. 804, 9/9/2020]

FURNACE

Any enclosed device specifically designed for burning any material for the production of heat.

OPEN FIRE

A fire in which any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace or barbecue grill.

§ 7-202. Regulations.

[Ord. 719, 11/11/1996, § 2]

1. Within the Borough of Renovo, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, limits, no person shall:
 - A. Ignite or feed an open fire for the destruction of refuse or other material or in the conduct of a salvage operation in any public or private place outside any building.
 - B. Cause, suffer, allow, or permit the maintenance of any open fire for the destruction of refuse, or any other material, or in the conduct of a salvage operation on any property under his control outside of any building.

§ 7-203. Exceptions.

[Ord. 719, 11/11/1996, § 3; as amended by Ord. 748, 10/12/2005, § 1; by Ord. No. 796, 7/17/2017; and by Ord. No. 804, 9/9/2020]

1. Subject to the following exceptions:

- A. Open fires may be set in the performance of an official duty by any public officer if the fire is necessary for:
 - (1) Prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by other means.
 - (2) The protection of public health.
- B. Open fires may be set in residential firepits by individuals fourteen years old or older according to the following regulations:
 - (1) Absolutely no burning of paper, household waste, processed wood and any other material in the Borough other than the burning of unprocessed wood in recreational firepits no larger than nine square feet. The location of any site or location for burning is to be at least 10 feet from any structure and 10 feet from any property line.
 - (2) Burning, in compliance with this Part, shall be attended at all times by an individual 14 years old or older until such time as the flame has subsided completely. Unattended burning shall be in direct violation of this Part, and all persons or corporations causing and allowing such unattended burning shall be prosecuted under the guidelines of this Part.

§ 7-204. Enforcement.

[Ord. 719, 11/11/1996, § 4; as amended by Ord. No. 804, 9/9/2020]

Any and all Borough police officers and ordinance officers are hereby granted the authority for inspecting outside firepits or burning containers for compliance with this Part. In the event any violation(s) of this Part are found to be in existence at the time of inspection, the police officer(s) and ordinance officer(s) are hereby authorized to issue warnings or citations, as merited, for all violations of this Part.

§ 7-205. Penalties.

[Ord. 719, 11/11/1996, § 5; as amended by A.O.]

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, 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 less than \$50 nor not more than \$1,000, plus costs, together with reasonable attorneys' fees, 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.