



## CITY OF LIVONIA RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL PATIO AND PIT BURNING RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Homeowners may conduct outdoor wood burning under the following conditions:

### **DEFINITIONS:**

“Camp Fire” means a small outdoor fire intended for recreation or cooking but not intended for disposal of waste wood or refuse. (MI DEQ 4.1)

“Portable wood-burning unit” means a chimnea, patio warmer, or other contained wood burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating. (MI DEQ 4.9, IFC 307.4.3)

“Clean wood” means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished or coated with a similar material; has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products. (MI DEQ 4.2)

*Note: Clean wood does not consist of construction debris, grass clippings, leaves or any type of yard debris that would produce high yields of smoke if burned.*

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ Portable wood burning units shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material and be operated in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. (IFC 307.4.3)
- ✓ Outdoor recreational “camp fire” pits shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. (NFPA Fire Code 10.10.4.3, MI DEQ 11.3)
- ✓ “Camp fire” pits shall not be larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet high. (MI DEQ 7.2.7)
- ✓ A garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available for use. (NFPA Fire Code 10.10.5.1)

### **RULES:**

- ✓ Portable wood burning units and “camp fire” pits shall burn only clean wood. (MI DEQ 11.2)
- ✓ Burning of clean wood in a fire pit or portable wood burning unit must be attended and supervised by a competent person of at least (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. (MI DEQ 7.2.10)
- ✓ The burning of trash, construction materials, leaves, grass clippings, yard debris or any kind of material other than clean wood is strictly prohibited. (MI DEQ 6.00)
- ✓ If the use of a portable wood burning unit or “camp fire” pit creates a nuisance or other objectionable situation prompting an official complaint to be filed with the Livonia Police or Fire Department, the fire may be subject to immediate extinguishment. (MI DEQ 11.4)

(Information in this document was sourced from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, National Fire Protection Association Fire Code and The International Fire Code.)