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# City of Lone Tree Fire Restrictions

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## ARTICLE V - Open Fire and Burning Restrictions

### Sec. 7-5-10. - Application.

This Article shall apply to all open fires or open burnings when the restrictions authorized by this Article are in effect.  
(Ord. 11-04 Art.4)

### Sec. 7-5-20. - Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Department of Fire Prevention for the City means the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority.

Fire Code Official for the City means the Chief of the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority or his or her designee.

Fireworks means "fireworks" as defined in Section 12-28-101(3), C.R.S., and specifically shall include "permissible fireworks" as defined in Section 12-28-101(8), C.R.S.

Open fire or open burning means any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, the lighting of any fused explosives and fireworks of any kind or brand, the lighting of model rockets, and the burning of fence lines or rows, grass lands, fields, farm lands, range lands, wild lands, trash and debris.

Stage 1 fire restrictions means the following activities are prohibited:

- a. Open burning of any kind without a permit from the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority;
- b. Use and sale of fireworks;
- c. Open discarding of cigarettes and smoking materials;



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- d. Welding or the operation of torches with open flame in outdoor areas, including public parks, greenbelts, open spaces and trail systems, without a permit;
- e. Operating or using any internal combustion engine (e.g., chainsaw) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order; and
- f. Operating any pest control equipment which relies upon the ignition of flammable gases or liquids.

Allowable activities include:

- a. Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled appliances, including fire pits, grills and camp stoves; fireplaces within buildings; charcoal grill fires within developed residential or commercial areas; and fires within wood burning stoves;
- b. Permitted fires by persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission, including permitted professional fireworks displays;
- c. Fire department training fires;
- d. Tiki torches; small recreational fires at developed picnic or campground sites contained in permanent fire pits or fire grates having a total fuel area of three (3) feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and two (2) feet (610 mm) or less in height and which are supervised by a responsible person at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- e. Burning of explosive wastes by the manufacturer of explosives in areas zoned for industrial use, when the burning is supervised by a fire protection district; and
- f. Open fires or open burning by any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized fire protection district or department in the performance of official fire suppression function.

Stage 2 fire restrictions means the following activities are prohibited:

- a. All Stage 1 fire prohibitions;
- b. Open burning of any kind;
- c. Use and sale of fireworks;
- d. Use of or fires in chimineas, other portable fireplaces or patio fire pits (which are not liquid or gas fueled); and
- e. Campfires at developed campgrounds or picnic areas.

Allowable activities include:



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- a. Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled appliances, including fire pits, grills and camp stoves;
- b. Charcoal grill fires within developed residential or commercial areas;
- c. Use of all fireplaces and wood burning stoves within buildings;
- d. Fire department training fires;
- e. Burning of explosive wastes by the manufacturer of explosives in areas zoned for industrial use, when the burning is supervised by a fire protection district; and
- f. Open fires or open burning by any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized fire protection district or department in the performance of official fire suppression function.

(Ord. 11-04 Art. 4)

Sec. 7-5-30. - Stage 1 - unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, build, maintain, attend or use an open fire or conduct open burning in violation of the prohibitions of Stage 1 fire restrictions in the City, including public, private, state and federal lands while such restrictions are in effect.

(Ord. 11-04 Art. 4)

Sec. 7-5-40. - Stage 2 - unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, build, maintain, attend or use an open fire or conduct open burning in violation of the prohibitions of Stage 2 fire restrictions in the City, including public, private, state and federal lands, while such restrictions are in effect.

Sec. 7-5-50. - Authority.

The restrictions imposed by this Article are authorized and shall take effect immediately upon the issuance of an administrative order executed by the City Manager or his or her designee, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by similar order. All such orders shall be issued only after consultation with the Fire Code Official for the City, when practicable, taking into account weather, fire and local conditions, suppression resources and fire restrictions in neighboring communities. The authority granted by this Article is ongoing, and administrative orders may be issued from time to time as conditions warrant.

(Ord. 11-04 Art. 4)

Sec. 7-5-60. - Enforcement.

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Department of Fire Prevention for the City.



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(Ord. 11-04 Art. 4)

Sec. 7-5-70. - Violations; penalties.

A violation of any provision of this Article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus court and administrative costs, as applicable. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense for purposes of assessing a fine.

(Ord. 11-04 Art. 4)