

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE PERMIT

ELMHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT

This permit authorizes _____

Print or type name

To operate an "Outdoor or Portable Fireplace" per Elmhurst Codes/ Ordinances, properly supervised and used only for recreational burning or cooking. (see attached code)

Location: _____

Date Issued: _____

Phone: _____

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to allow any burning that involves Section 17 of the Code of the City of Elmhurst.

By: _____

Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief (630-530-3090)

SECTION 11
City of Elmhurst
AMENDMENTS
to the
ICC INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2021 edition

1.Applicability

The City of Elmhurst Amendments, Zoning Ordinance, and Municipal Ordinance and all of the adopted model codes shall be applicable to the planning and construction of all projects within the City.

17.Open Burning, Outdoor Fireplaces and Firepits

(a) **Definitions.** Certain terms used in this Section shall have the following meanings unless their context or use clearly indicates otherwise:

"Open Burning" shall mean the setting, ignition or maintenance of a fire at an outdoor location whether placed or contained in an Outdoor or Portable Fireplace or otherwise.

"Outdoor Fireplace" shall mean a device used primarily or exclusively for recreational burning or cooking, constructed of masonry, metal or stone. This device shall conform to the IRC requirements for clearances as well as all zoning requirements. The device shall also conform to the manufacturers' specifications for installation.

"Outdoor Permanent Firepit" shall mean a device used primarily or exclusively for recreational burning or cooking, constructed of masonry or stone. Any permanent fire pit using solid fuels shall follow the requirements listed in (c) 2. **Exception:** A fire pit using propane or natural gas can be located not less than 10 feet away from any structure. **NOTE:** At no time shall solid fuels be used in a firepit that was designed and intended to be operated with propane or natural gas.

"Outdoor Portable Firepit" shall mean a device used primarily or exclusively for recreational burning or cooking, constructed of metal, masonry or stone. All outdoor portable fire pits shall comply with the requirements listed in (c) 2.

"Approved Fuel" shall mean propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs. Charcoal or logs shall be of a size which can reasonably fit in an Outdoor or Portable Fireplace.

(b) **Permit Required.** Open burning shall be unlawful without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall issue such permit on the condition that the requirements of this Section be complied with. The Fire Chief shall revoke such permit upon a finding that the permittee has failed or refused to comply with this Section.

(c) **Requirements for Outdoor/Portable Fireplaces & Firepits.**

1. An Outdoor or Portable Fireplace and/or Firepit shall be used only with an Approved Fuel; the burning of yard waste, lumber, leaves, grass, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs, garbage, refuse, trash or like manner of things is prohibited;

2. Outdoor or Portable Fireplaces and/or Firepits shall be used and located only in an area separated from any structure by not less than fifteen (15) feet; the fire box of such fireplaces shall be located above ground; in no event shall the fire box be built into the ground or located below grade;

3. An Outdoor or Portable Fireplace and/or Firepit shall be constantly tended by a person over the age of 17 years when in use until the fire is extinguished. A portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 4-A or other approved extinguishing agent such as sand, dirt or water in sufficient quantity shall be available for immediate use.

4. No Outdoor or Portable Fireplace and/or Firepit shall be used in such a manner as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous.

(d) Exemption. No provision of this Section shall prohibit or require a permit for the use of outdoor fireplaces, charcoal grills, burners or like devices when used solely for the cooking of food. These devices shall be kept a safe distance from any structure.

18. **Cooking on Combustible Balconies:** In accordance with the International Fire Code, First Edition, 2021 and Appendices:

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction in a multi-family occupancy. The code specifically states that charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 ft of combustible construction. The code allows for the use of table top grills as an alternative to the larger capacity propane tank grills. This type of grill presents a smaller fuel load and decreases the fire hazard.

Exceptions

Multi-family dwellings..

Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Liquefied petroleum (LP) gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2-1/2 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity.

19. **Fire Pumps:** Nothing shall be added that would reduce the flow or intake to the pump, and all piping for fire pumps shall follow NFPA 20 Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection.