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GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF APPROVED CHIMENEAS, OUTDOOR FIRE-PITS AND FIREPLACES

Chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces have gained in popularity over the past several years, and they come in many shapes and sizes. As with barbeques these devices must be used in a safe manner with the following guidelines:

- Open burning in approved chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces shall be allowed without a permit at single family homes, duplexes, and town homes. (*Exception: within mobile home parks or other densely populated areas.*) Providing it does not create a nuisance.
- Open burning in approved chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces must contain an approved spark/ember arrestor within public domain and shall require a permit from the head of the fire department and must not create a nuisance.
- Chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces shall be placed on a non-combustible surface at grade level (i.e. not on a deck). Additionally, these devices shall not be placed on porches, roofs, balconies, or near any flammable or combustible material (tents, campers, vehicles containing fuel, etc.)
- When used in a public domain Chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces shall be placed on a non-combustible surface other than the ground to prevent damage (i.e. concrete blocks, bricks or pavers).
- There shall be no overhead obstructions of any kind while in operation. (Obstructions shall include, but are not limited to: roofs, ceilings, decks, porches, overhangs, tree branches, clothesline, tents, etc.)
- No approved devices utilized for the purpose of open burning shall be used within (10) ten feet of any building or structure at any time.
- All approved outdoor burning devices shall have a competent operator (18 years of age and older) at all times.
- A means of extinguishment (fire extinguisher, garden hose, etc.) shall be located within close proximity of the approved outdoor burning device when in operation.
- All outdoor burning within an approved device shall be completely extinguished when concluded.
- The burning of yard waste, leaves, brush, vines, evergreen needles, treated lumber, garbage, paper products or anything other than firewood is prohibited.
- A fire, police or code enforcement officer may order any use of chimeneas, outdoor fire-pit or outdoor fireplace that creates a nuisance to be extinguished.
- Any violation of these guidelines may result in monetary fines for violation of opening burning laws.
- All Chimeneas, outdoor fire-pits and outdoor fireplaces should always be considered a hazard to curious children.