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CAMPFIRE/RECREATIONAL FIRE REGULATIONS

A recreational or camp fire is defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, and is limited to a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter, and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

The regulations for recreational or campfires are as follows:

1. A permit from the Payson Fire Department is not required for recreational fires.
2. Any fires however that are offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions or local circumstances that make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.
3. **Fires are limited to a maximum of 3 feet in diameter, and 2 feet in height.**
4. **The location for fires shall be no less than 25 feet from any structure** and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 25 feet of any structure. All such fires shall have a clear radius of 10 feet around the fire composed of bare ground, mineral earth or other non-combustible surface.

Exception: Fires in approved non-combustible containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure. These containers shall have a clear radius of 5 feet around the container of bare ground, mineral earth or other non-combustible surface.

5. All fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

Please note that the fire department is authorized to order the extinguishment of any fire which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

It should be also noted that when seasonal fire restrictions are put into effect in the Town of Payson, that all campfires and recreational fires are also prohibited. Fire restrictions do not apply to the safe use of outdoor grills utilized specifically for cooking on private property.

Please contact the Payson Fire Department at 474-5242 x300 with any questions.

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