

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
RECREATIONAL FIRE PIT PERMIT

Owner's Name

PERMIT NO.

Address

Parcel No.

Date of Application

Telephone No.

Applicant's Signature _____

Draw a sketch below showing the recreational fire pit location in relation to property lines, buildings, trees, and other structures. The fire pit must be at least 10 feet from any property line and at least 10 feet from any structure. The pit must be at least 6 inches deep, with a radius of not less than 12 inches and not more than 24 inches and must be made of steel, concrete, concrete block or brick.

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Recreational fires are restricted to coal, charcoal or wood that is unvarnished, unpainted and untreated. Emissions of noxious gas or smoke which is detectable at the property line is prohibited.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Inspection Performed By: _____

Signature

Title

Date of inspection _____

Permit is

Approved _____

Denied _____

Permit Expires: _____

Fee\$ _____

Receipt No. _____

Remarks: _____

Authority: Ord. No. 90 as amended

ORDINANCE NO. 90
And amended
ORDINANCE NO. 90-A
BURNING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SETTING OF FIRES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE A REMEDY FOR THE COLLECTION OF COSTS AND EXPENSES TO THE TOWNSHIP CAUSED BY THE SETTING OF FIRES.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. SHORT NAME

This Ordinance shall be known as the Charter Township of Williams Burning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall, for purposes of this Ordinance, have the meanings stated below unless the context indicates that a different meaning is intended.

A. **Waste Flammable Material:** Any waste or discarded substance that will burn, including but not limited to refuse, debris, waste forest material, brush, stumps, logs, rubbish, fallen timber, grass, stubble, leaves, fallow land, slags, crops, garbage or crop residue.

B. **Person:** Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, or any officer, employee or agent of the foregoing.

C. **Structure:** That which is built or constructed, or an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED BURNING

A person shall not:

A. Burn any waste flammable material within 150 feet of any structure owned by any person other than the owner of the premises on which such burning shall occur, except as otherwise provided for herein.

B. Burn any waste flammable material within 100 feet of the boundary line with any lands adjoining the premises on which such burning shall occur, except as otherwise provided for herein.

C. A person may have a recreational fire (bonfire/campfire) under the following circumstances:

(1.) The flammable material is limited to coal, charcoal, or wood which has not been painted, varnished or otherwise coated by a substance created or processed by man; paper and accelerants may be used to start the fire;

(2.) The fire is contained in a pre-approved pit of a minimum depth of six inches, having a minimum radius from its center to the inside face of its required lining of 12 inches and a maximum radius of 24 inches, located no closer than 10 feet to any structure and no closer than 10 feet to any boundary line with adjoining lands and is lined to its required depth with steel, concrete, concrete block or brick.

(3.) He/she first obtains a permit approving the location, design and construction of the pit referred to in the preceding subparagraph which is in effect and on file at the Williams Township Clerk's Office. The permit referred to herein shall expire five years from the date of issuance. A new permit may be obtained following reinspection and repairing the pit, if required by the Zoning Administrator, and paying the required fee. The fee for the permit referred to herein shall be set by resolution of the Williams Township Board.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Subsection, the emission of noxious, odorous matter, gas or smoke in such quantities as to be readily detectable at any point along a property line is prohibited. Likewise, the production of intense glare or heat readily detectable at any point along a property line is prohibited.

SECTION 4. PENALTY

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of time not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 5. COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ENFORCEMENT

In addition to the penalties set forth in Section 4 hereof, any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or who sets an open fire which necessitates calling the Auburn/Williams Fire Department, or any other fire department, shall reimburse Williams Township for all costs and expenses incurred thereby. The Township may sue in any court of competent jurisdiction to recover such costs and expenses.