



## Municipal Policy Manual

**CODE:** 20-50

**CATEGORY:** Fire Pit Policy

### Section 10

#### **RATIONALE:**

It is desirable to provide guidelines for residents in the Village of Boyle regarding fire pits.

### Section 20

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. A fire pit is an outdoor fire that is confined within a non-combustible structure or container for the purpose of cooking, warmth, entertainment. Such a fire may only be fueled with seasoned wood or charcoal.
2. Dimensions and Construction:
  - a. A fire pit must be a minimum 3 meters from any buildings, property lines, or other combustible materials.
  - b. A fire pit shall be no greater than 1 meter at the widest point in diameter and a minimum of .6 meters from the grade to top of pit deep, burning area.
  - c. The sides and base must be made of non-combustible material
  - d. There shall be a fire screen (1.25 cm) over the pit at all times while burning.
  - e. The chosen location should take into account prevailing winds to reduce the effect of smoke on neighboring properties.
  - f. A fire pit must not be located under any underground utilities or above ground wires.
3. Precautions:
  - a. There shall be no burning of grass, weeds, tree limbs, garden refuse, garbage, or other similar materials.
  - b. Sufficient precautions must be taken to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times. Fires shall not be left unattended.
  - c. Outdoor fires are not to be used as smudge fires.
  - d. Persons attending the fire shall ensure that smoke shall not disturb neighboring properties.
  - e. The property owner/occupant will be responsible for any damage resulting from the use of the fire pit.
  - f. A fire pit must not be located over any underground utilities or under any above ground wires.

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