



## OUTDOOR BBQ PITS

### PLEASE READ & BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION!

- **ECMC 8.04.010:** Open burning is generally prohibited within the city limits with a few exceptions and one of those exceptions is:
  - a) Where the fire is contained within an exterior fireplace, barbecue device or other burner intended for the use for cooking or entertainment
- **DEFINITIONS:**
  - DEVICE ~ a tool or machine designed to perform a particular task or function
  - BARBECUE ~ an apparatus, including a grill and fuel, used for cooking food outdoors
  - DELETERIOUS ~ having a harmful or damaging effect on somebody or something
  - COMBUSTIBLE~ able or likely to catch fire and burn. A substance or material that is able or likely to catch fire and burn

### WARNING!

The use of such outdoor fireplaces, barbecues & similar devices for the burning or disposal of combustible waste or other unwanted combustible materials is prohibited.

### PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Permit application with owner information
2. 2 sets of a site plan showing the location of pit/device
3. Date and time of event
4. Call (619) 440-0481 to request an inspection one working day before the requested event
5. Day of the event please call Heartland Dispatch @ 441-1621 to inform them prior to and after the event.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR BBQs

1. Outdoor commercial barbecues shall be constructed of concrete or other approved non-combustible materials (AHJ)
2. Pit Barbecues shall be excavated in earth which is free of trash, debris, deleterious materials, contaminated soils, vegetative matter etc. (AHJ)
3. Weeds, brush, vegetative matter and/or combustible materials shall be cleared for a distance of 10-feet from any type of barbecue (AHJ)
4. Barbecues shall be a minimum of 10-feet away from buildings or roof overhangs (AHJ)
5. No burning of waste materials, brush, trash, rubbish, stubble, or other flammable or combustible materials (8.04.010)
6. No person shall leave or permit to be left any outdoor or open fire unattended by an adult (8.04.030)
7. Before leaving the fire, the person in charge of the fire shall thoroughly extinguish the fire by (8.04.030):
  - a) Covering it with dirt
  - b) Saturating it with water
  - c) Or other means (i.e. fire extinguisher)
8. The fire shall not cause or allow the following (8.04.040)
  - a) Smoke to prohibit the detection of other fires which makes it a hazard to public safety
  - b) Fear or panic in an institution or place of public Assembly
  - c) A public nuisance (as defined in ECMC 1.16.020)
  - d) A health menace
  - e) Create offensive smoke or odors
9. No person shall construct, erect, install, locate, equip, maintain or use any exterior fireplace, barbecue device, or burn any combustible material that causes a fire hazard that endangers other people's life or property (8.04.050).
10. No person shall or allow at any time or place build, light or maintain any burning of (8.04.070):
  - a) Garbage
  - b) Hair
  - c) Rubber
  - d) Rags
  - e) animal waste matter
  - f) or other materials likely to create offensive odors or excessive smoke

If you have any questions concerning the requirements for open flames please call the Building and Fire Safety Division @ (619)441-1726.