OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LEANDER

Without an
APPROVED PERMIT

Ordinance No. 13-038-00
Article 5.05

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CAUTION

Starting a fire and allowing that fire to get out of control and damage or destroy the property of another is a crime under the Texas Penal Code.

The lifting of the burn ban does not authorize burning of any material that is prohibited from being burned by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Prohibited materials include:
Construction waste, household garbage, tires, rubber or plastic products, heavy oils, fiberglass products, oil based materials, and any material that produces excessive amounts of smoke.

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PERMIT INFORMATION

Burning may be conducted for the purposes of outdoor cooking or warming in a device designated and constructed for such a purpose in compliance with City ordinance. No burning of waste or garbage shall be permitted in cooking devices.

A permit may be issued for on-site land clearing on lots greater than two (2) acres upon which the owner intends to clear the lot itself of selected trees, brush and other plant growth. When approved by the Fire Marshal, burning may be permitted in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal, provided the on-site land clearing is conducted in compliance with state, federal and local laws and regulations.

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DEFINITIONS

EXTINGUISHED- The absence of any visible flames, glowing coals or smoke AND cold to the touch.

RECREATIONAL FIRE- A fire typically no larger than 3 ft in diameter and 5 ft in height contained in a non-combustible fire pit, or other approved container. For recreational purposes only. Must be a minimum of 8 feet from any structures and/or combustibles.

BONFIRE- Any fire larger than a campfire that is used as a ceremonial or recreational purpose.

SENSITIVE RECEPTORS (TITLE 30 TAC #111.203; 7)- A man-made structure utilized for human residence or business, the containment of livestock, or the housing of sensitive live vegetation. The term “man-made structure” does not include such things as range fences, roads, bridges, hunting blinds or facilities used solely for the storage of hay or other livestock feeds. The term “sensitive live vegetation” is defined as vegetation which has potential to be damaged by smoke cultivation, pharmaceutical plant production, or laboratory experiments involving plants.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Do not start burning until an hour after sunrise (check the newspaper for exact time) and one hour before sunset
• Check to see that the wind speed is between 6 mph and 23 mph (weather radio or TV report) and manage wind speeds throughout burn
• Feed the fire slowly, maintain manageable size and height
• Be sure you have a wide clearance of non-combustible ground on all sides
• Have enough water, loose soil, and/or heavy equipment available that you can extinguish the fire quickly, if necessary
• Be sure you are downwind of all neighboring structures that contain "sensitive receptors" (Minimum distance of at least 300 feet)
• Follow all regulations set forth by the State and Federal Government
• NEVER LEAVE THE FIRE ALONE
• Always have a "point of contact" on-site with communication capabilities

ALL BURNING PROHIBITED DURING BURN BANS

REVOCATION OF PERMIT

If the Fire Marshal, or designee (often a responding Fire Officer on scene), deems the fire to be an imminent threat to public safety or an noxious nuisance constituting an imminent threat, The Fire Marshal, or designee, may revoke a permit and cause immediate termination, extinguishment, and potential cleanup of the outdoor burn operation, which may result in fine or additional fees issued by the City of Leander.

The authority to conduct an outdoor burn under the aforementioned circumstances does not exempt or excuse any person from any consequence, damages, or injuries resulting from burning and does not excuse anyone from complying with all laws and ordinances of other governmental agencies.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Please Contact the Leander Fire Marshal’s Office for PERMIT assistance or with any questions regarding burning within the City.

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