



FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE TULSA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES, AND FIREWORKS

SOURCE: International Fire Code, 2015 edition.

- Except where amended or specifically excluded, the International Fire Code (2015 edition) has been adopted in its entirety into the City of Tulsa Revised Ordinances. (Title 14)
- Available:
<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/government/city-charter-ordinances-and-executive-orders/>
<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IFC2015>

OPEN BURNING

OPEN BURNING. The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

105.6.32 Open Burning-Amendatory. It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to kindle or maintain an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground within the corporate limits of the City of Tulsa, without first having procured an operational permit from the *fire code official*. Instructions and stipulations prescribed in the permit shall be strictly adhered to.

Exception: *Recreational fires and Portable outdoor fireplaces*

IFC Commentary- Open burning is any burning that takes place in an unenclosed space. Examples include burning of leaves or grass clippings, burning construction debris and fires built on the ground for warmth in cold weather.

RECREATIONAL FIRES AND PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

RECREATIONAL FIRE: An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE: A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.



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307.4.2 Recreational fires.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces.

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one-and two-family dwellings.

FIREWORKS

5601.1.3 Fireworks-Amendatory. It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to possess, manufacture, store, sell, handle or use any fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Tulsa, without first having procured an operational permit from the *fire code official*, as required by Section 5601.2 of this code. The operational permit fee shall be as provided in Title 49, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Chapter 14.

GRILLS (AND OTHER COOKING AND OPEN FLAME DEVICES)

308.1.4 Outdoor Cooking and Open Flame Devices-Amendatory. It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to operate any charcoal, electric or gas grill, or any other electric or open flame device, on combustible balconies, or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

- One- and two-family *dwellings*.
- Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an *automatic sprinkler system*.
- LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

SKY LANTERNS

SKY LANTERN: An unmanned device with a fuel source that incorporates an open flame in order to make the device airborne.

308.1.6.3 Sky lanterns-Amendatory. A person shall not release or cause to be released a sky lantern in the State of Oklahoma per Title 68 O.S. § 1624.1