



## **Section 5 – Bonfires** - Bonfires are not approved for the general public.

The Peoria Fire Department may allow bonfires only for officially sponsored activities of civic, educational and religious organizations that are subject to the following conditions;

1. The organization requesting the bonfire must submit a map of the burn site to the Peoria Fire Department for review. The site map must show emergency access points to the site (i.e. roads, parking lots, alleys, etc), burn sites proximity to buildings/ structures, available water source (i.e. fire hydrants), and approximate number and location of crowd.
2. The organization requesting the bonfire must obtain a burn permit (\$80.00) from the Peoria Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division at least 48 hours prior to the start of burning operations. An appointment must be made with a fire inspector to inspect the site the day of the burn.
3. The location of the bonfire shall be no closer than 100 feet to any structure, tree, shrub or combustible material and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire spreading to within 100 feet of any structure or combustible material.
4. The organization requesting the bonfire will appoint and identify at least four (4) adults (bonfire supervisors) to supervise the event throughout its entirety.
5. The fuel for the bonfire shall consist only of clean, dry, non-treated lumber or firewood stacked no more than 10 ft in height with a diameter not to exceed 10 feet at the base of the pile.
6. Small amounts of paper and kindling may be used to kindle the fire. The use of flammable or combustible liquids to start the bonfire is strictly prohibited. Only the dedicated bonfire supervisor(s) will initiate the fire.
7. No one, except the bonfire supervisor(s) and/or emergency personnel, shall be allowed within 20 ft of the bonfire throughout the duration of the event. Adequate security measures must be in place to prevent the audience from encroaching on the pile.
8. The bonfire shall be properly extinguished at the end of the activities, but in any event, not later than 11:00 p.m.
9. A fully staffed Peoria Fire Department fire engine must be on-site, located in an easily accessible location near the bonfire at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the fire. The fire crews will monitor the bonfire throughout its entirety and will remain afterwards to ensure that it is extinguished. *It is the responsibility of the organization requesting the bonfire to ensure that this has been arranged.*
10. The bonfire will be suspended or cancelled by the on-site fire crew anytime throughout the event if wind conditions become strong (15 MPH or greater) or if there are sustained wind gusts in excess of 20 MPH, or if the wind begins to carry brands or embers creating a potential for fire extension.
11. Bonfires identified as offensive or objectionable due to excessive smoke or odor emissions may be extinguished based on the opinion of the fire officer in charge of the fire crews on-site.

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS