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# LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE

## Fire Prevention Division Information Sheet

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Effective Date: February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

CLV Ordinance #6631

*The items listed are basic information only. Please refer to adopted code for specific details. Codes are subject to change.  
Additional requirements may apply.*

### **General:**

A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any *open burning* unless conducted and approved in accordance with **Section 307 of the 2018 IFC**.

### **City of Las Vegas Municipal Code:**

#### 9.24.030 - Burning of garbage and rubbish:

It is unlawful for any person, for the purpose of burning garbage, rubbish, dead animals or dirt, to kindle or maintain any bonfire or knowingly to furnish the materials for any such fire, or to authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained in any garbage or rubbish receptacle, or on any street, alley, road, lane or public grounds or upon any private lot; provided, however, that rubbish may be burned in an incinerator duly approved by both the Chief of the Department of Fire Services and the Building Inspector.

### **BONFIRES:** Bonfires are Prohibited Valley Wide. **SNFC 307.4.1**

#### Definitions:

**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, smudge pots 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.

**RECREATIONAL FIRES:** 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 or less in a diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

**Portable Outdoor Fireplaces/Chimenea's:** portable outdoor fireplaces/Chimenea's shall be used in accordance with the manufactures instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials.

These requirements are valley wide with the exception of some of the open burning permit process.

Are bonfires legal within the City of Las Vegas? NO

Is burning of garbage or rubbish legal in the City of Las Vegas? NO

Is open burning legal in the City of Las Vegas? Yes with the following exception; open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous SHALL BE PROHIBITED

Are recreational fires legal in the City of Las Vegas? Yes

Are portable outdoor fireplaces/chimeneas legal in the City of Las Vegas? Yes as long as they follow manufactures guidelines.

Are permits required in the City of Las Vegas? Yes per section **IFC 105.6.32**

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