

Part 2. Fire Hazards

502.01. **Inspection Authorized.** The fire wardens shall at all reasonable times enter into and examine all dwelling houses, lots, yards, enclosures and buildings of every kind within the City to determine if any fire hazards exist therein and report to the Council where any such hazards are found and report and abate any conditions existing contrary to this ordinance or the laws of the State.

502.02. **Trash Burning.** All trash or rubbish burning is prohibited within the City limits.
(see 502.05)

502.03. **Conditions Prohibited.** No owner, agent or occupant of any building in the City shall allow any ashes, waste-paper, hay straw, rags or other waste material of a combustible nature to accumulate in the basement or on any floor of any building, or in any hallway, court, yard, or alley adjoining any building owned, controlled or occupied by such person, except that hay and straw may be stored in buildings where livestock is housed. No such person shall permit to exist upon any premises aforesaid any electric wiring or defective heating device or part thereof, including flues and chimneys of that character, or use or permit to exist on any reason of want of repairs, age dilapidated condition or damage by fire, or any other cause, are especially liable to fire, or which are so situated or are in such condition as to endanger its occupants or persons therein, or the general public.

502.04. **Notice.** Any warden who discovers any condition existing in violation of Section III hereof shall notify in writing the person or persons violating the provisions of said Section to correct such condition. Any such order concerning combustible materials shall be complied within 48 hours after service. Any such order concerning defective equipment or unsound construction shall be complied within a reasonable time, and such notice shall specify such reasonable time. Upon failure to comply with any such notice, the same shall be reported to the Council.

502.05. **Recreational Fires.** (Ratified 2/16/99) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit recreational fires and no permit shall be required for recreational fires. Recreational fires are defined as fires set in designated fire pits or rings, in grills, or other similar containers designed and intended for burning for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation, and similar social purposes only. Recreational fires shall only burn unpainted wood, charcoal, or fuel from containers designed for use with an attached grill. Recreational fires shall be no more than three (3) feet in diameter and no more than three (3) feet in height. A material to extinguish the fire should be on the premises. No fire pit or ring shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet from any structure or building. Recreational fires shall be supervised at all times and shall not be allowed to smolder with or without any flame present. Recreational fires shall be fully extinguished and all ash shall be removed to a permitted solid waste land disposal facility or disposed of by any other method authorized by law. Recreational fires may be prohibited by order of the city if conditions so warrant to protect the public's health and welfare.