Tenant, Building Owner, Home Owner:

The following is the City of Lincoln’s regulations regarding open burning and recreational fires:

Open Burning: Not allowed within the City limits, except by permit from the health Department per Lincoln Municipal Code 8.06.140 and 8.06.145.

Recreational Fires: Must meet the following requirements, Lincoln Municipal Code 8.06.140 (2) eight cubic feet or less and meet the requirements of:

2009 International Fire Code 307.4.2: Recreational fires limited in size to 3 ft. in diameter, 2 ft. in height. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacture’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Exception: One or two family dwellings.

2009 International fire Code 307.5: Attendance. Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires and use of outdoor portable fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved onsite fire extinguishing equipment, such as direct, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

The approved material to be burned in recreational fires is sawn wood all other materials are not allowed as defined in Lincoln Municipal code 8.26.060 under the definition of refuse material.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 402.441.7791.

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