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Outdoor Bonfire Permit Application

In addition to any such documentation and paperwork so required from the local building and zoning authorities, applications for erecting and conducting a bonfire – which is defined as having an area greater than three (3) feet and/or a height greater than two (2) feet - shall adhere to the following:

- a) Permit required from local building & zoning official
- b) Name, address, and contact information of the individual, group, or organization sponsoring the outdoor bonfire shall be made available
- c) Open burning that is or can become offensive or objectionable because of smoke, odor emissions, or fueling material, whether it be due to weather or local circumstances, will be denied
- d) Bonfire locations shall be approved
 - o Not within 50' from structures and/or combustible materials unless contained within a barbecue pit
 - o Provisions made to prevent fire from spreading to within 50' of structures and/or combustible materials – such conditions shall be eliminated *prior* to ignition
- e) Bonfires that become dangerous, offensive, or objectionable will be required to be immediately extinguished
- f) Bonfires shall be constantly attended until fire is completely extinguished. Attendance shall be by a competent person(s) willing and able to take responsibility and action if so required.
- g) Sufficient fire-extinguishing equipment/provisions shall be on site and immediately available for utilization
- h) The Oswego Fire Protection District shall not be involved in the planned erection, ignition, or extinguishment of bonfires
- i) It shall be clearly understood that all responsibility and liability with regard to an approved bonfire, as well as any actions stemming from it, remains solely with the sponsor/permit holder