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**LANSING FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
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**BURN PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**BURNING PERMITTED ONLY on:**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, between 5:00 p.m. - Midnight**

**With the EXCEPTION of City of Lansing recognized Holiday(s) that fall during the week.**

- ☞ **The City of Lansing Fire Department issues this permit strictly for cooking and recreational purposes.**
  - Recreational Fires: have a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.
- ☞ **Issued permit shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be readily available for inspection. VIOLATION of permit conditions MAY RESULT IN A \$150.00 CIVIL INFRACTION TICKET AND/OR TERMINATION OF PERMIT .....NO WARNINGS!**
- ☞ All Burn Permits are subject to a non-refundable fee at time of issue.
- ☞ All permits are subject to inspection.

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(PRINT)**

**Is this an Apartment, Multi-Family or Condo:  NO**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (517): \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(PRINT NAME)**

***By signing this Application, you agree to the following:***

- **I have read the Codified Ordinance of Lansing, Michigan regarding "OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES SEC. 307" (page 2) and fully understand all responsibilities and accept liability should said fire get out of control or spread to other areas and/or structures.**
- **I have received a copy of the City of Lansing's Burning Ordinance**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Drivers License/ID Number:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**

*I.F.C. Section 307 Open Burning* is hereby deleted and a new section 307 is added as follows:

**Open Burning**

**(1) Permit required:** A permit is required to kindle or maintain any outdoor burning, including bonfires and recreational fires.

**(2) Location restricted:** There shall be no open burning of any type on publicly owned or controlled land, including bridges, streets and other public places which have not been set aside by the public authority for such purpose.

**(3) Exceptions:**

**(a) Controlled burning.** When determined by the Fire Chief to be in the public interest, the Chief may issue a permit for controlled burning.

**(b) Outdoor cooking.** Appliances, such as chimneas, gas and charcoal grills, may be used in such a manner so they do not endanger the life or property of others. No person shall use any permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, chimnea, outdoor fireplace or grill for the disposal of rubbish, trash or combustible material.

**\* The Fire Chief has deemed brush, leaves and grass clippings as trash.**

**(4) Attendance:** Bonfires and other open burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to a water supply, or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use. Recreational fires shall be in accordance with the provisions of this code.

**(5) Prohibition or discontinuance by Chief:** The Chief may prohibit or terminate any or all outdoor burning when atmospheric conditions or local conditions make such fires hazardous, or when the Chief determines such action is necessary to protect public safety.

**\* The Fire Chief requires the IFC minimum set backs for recreational fire to avoid hazardous conditions. They are as followed.**

**1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.**

**2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.**

**(6) Illegal burning:** Kindling or maintaining any outdoor burning in violation of this section, failing to comply with the requirements of this section, failing to comply with an order of the Chief as provided in this section or otherwise failing to comply with the requirements of this section shall be illegal. The Fire Marshal and other members of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the City of Lansing are specifically authorized to enforce this section.