

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 234-11(J), RECREATIONAL FIRES OF CHAPTER 234 FIRE PREVENTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ MUNICIPAL CODE

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DOES ORDAIN THAT SECTION 234-11(J) BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

§ 234-11 International Fire Code amendments and modifications.

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Recreational fires. IFC Section 307.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: Recreational fires. All recreational fires shall comply with the following requirements:

Firewood. Wood shall not be considered rubbish where it is stored for residential use under the terms and conditions of this section.

Front yard storage. No firewood shall be permitted in a front yard as defined at subsection.

Rear and side yard storage. Firewood may be stored in a side or rear yard only in the following manner:

Stacking. All firewood shall be ranked and well stowed, with due regard to stability.

Height. Firewood stacks shall not be in excess of four feet in height unless such stack is adjacent to and amply supported by a fence or structure. Where the firewood is so supported, the stack shall not be excess of six feet.

Setback. No firewood shall be permitted within four feet of an adjoining property line, unless the firewood is stored in a box, building or privacy fence and not causing water drainage problems.

(1)

No recreational fire shall be closer than 15 feet to any building, structure, shed, garage, tree, shrub, bush, fence, or any other combustible material. No recreational fire shall be kindled or maintained on any public street, highway, sidewalk, or terrace.

(2)

All recreational fires shall be in a below-ground fire pit with a minimum depth of four inches and a maximum diameter or three feet, zero inches (36 inches) or in a portable (Weber-type) device that is placed upon a noncombustible surface and secured. The fire may not extend more than four feet above the ground at any time. Burning must be contained within the fire pit enclosure at all times. All below-ground fire pits shall be surrounded on the outside, above ground, by a noncombustible material such as concrete block, rock, or metal.

(3)

No recreational fire shall be started when the fire will cause smoke, combustibles, or other materials to be carried by the wind toward any building or other combustible or flammable materials. Smoke from any recreational fire shall not create a nuisance for neighboring property owners.

(4)

Materials for recreational fires shall not include rubbish, garbage, recyclable items, trash, yard waste, or any materials made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather, or petroleum-based materials and shall not contain any flammable or combustible liquids.

(5)

Adequate fire-suppression equipment shall be present to extinguish or control the recreational fire at all time. Adequate fire-suppression equipment shall consist of shovels, fire extinguishers, water

hoses, or other like equipment sufficient to extinguish the fire if necessary.

(6)

All recreational fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible person of age 18 or older until the fire is completely extinguished.

(7)

It shall be the duty of any renter or lessee at a multifamily dwelling to notify and obtain written permission from the property owner prior to initiating any recreational fire.

(8)

Citations may be issued for failure to comply with the above regulations.

(9)

The property owner, renter, or lessee shall be held liable for any damage caused by any recreational fire, including the cost of any citations.

(10)

Registration of recreational fires is required.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Approved and adopted this 5th day of June, 2018.

James F. Rafter, Village President

ATTEST:

Debra M. Baenen, Village Clerk-Treasurer