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Burning Permit

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED BURN: _____

MATERIAL TO BE BURNED & REASON: _____

PROPOSED DATE AND HOUR OF BURN: _____

PERMIT VALID FROM: _____ **TO:** _____

I understand that if a permit is granted to me, I shall take every precaution to contain said open fire within the confines of the above location and further that I shall be responsible for any loss occurring as the result of the maintenance of said open fire.

DATE: _____ **SIGNED:** _____

_____ **APPROVED**, as per the 2018 International Fire Code as adopted and amended in Ordinance No. 867, authorized by Section 307, I hereby grant this permit for open burning.

_____ **DENIED**, as per the 2018 International Fire Code as adopted and amended in Ordinance No. 867, authorized by Section 307, I hereby deny this permit for open burning for the following reasons:

SECTION 307
OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section. Open burning shall not be used for waste disposal purposes, including for the disposal of leaf waste, yard waste, and recyclables, shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, and the fuel chosen must minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances that make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The *fire code official* is authorized to order extinguishments by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning, which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. The *fire code official* may rely on the Fire Chief or his designated representative to verify the content of the material to be burned, as well as any other public safety considerations which may fall within the realm of their expertise

307.2 Permit Required. A permit shall be obtained from the *fire code official* in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for (1) burning of fence rows, fields, agricultural fields and materials relating to farming by the occupant of a tract of land consisting of not less than ten (10) contiguous acres; (2) range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests; (3) a bonfire. Permits require the payment of a fee, which shall be set by Resolutions from time to time. Annual permits must be renewed during the month of May. Permits not renewed by June 1 of each year shall expire and a new permit will be required before burning can resume. A burn permit issued by the *fire code official* may be revoked or suspended when environmental conditions are such that open burning would have the potential to spread uncontrolled. A Resolution by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners and the York County Board of Commissioners shall also be cause for open burn permits to be suspended

307.2.1 Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

307.2.2 Notification. Notification of open burning shall be made to the fire department twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Said notification shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the proposed burn, the nature and quantities of material, the date and times when the burn will occur, and the location of the burn site.”

307.3 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15,240mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15,240mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is three feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

307.3.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4 Attendance. Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.