

## BONFIRE PERMIT REGULATIONS

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**SCOPE:** This document details the City of Allentown Fire Code requirements for ceremonial bonfires. Permit is contingent upon the compliance to the following conditions.

1. **A Fire Department pumper** is required to stand-by unless a special exemption is approved in advance by the Fire Prevention Office. Ignition of the bonfire may proceed after a Permit has been granted, and after an on-site inspection by a Fire Official.
2. **Size and pile shape** to be checked and approved by a Fire Official prior to ignition. **Size may not exceed 500 cubic feet (approx. 8' x 8' x 8') unless a Fire Safety study is performed and approved. Pile must be constructed so as not to present a collapse hazard.**
3. **Only dry wood** shall be used. No garbage, rubbish, trash, rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based material shall be used.
4. **Location of fire** to be not less than fifty feet (50') from any structure.
5. **Flammable liquids** shall not be used to ignite fire. Tinder to be paper, thin wood, or other approved non-hazardous material.
6. **No material** is to be added after the fire is ignited, unless specifically approved by on-scene Fire Officials.
7. **Security** shall be provided in the form of security personnel and/or restraint lines to prevent observers from being injured by flying embers or a bonfire pile collapse.
8. **The person to whom authorization was granted**, or his / her representative, shall remain until the fire is totally extinguished.
9. **Note:** The Fire Official has the authority to postpone the bonfire under adverse conditions such as heavy wind or dry conditions.
10. **Notify** the Department of Fire Prevention of any changes that may arise. If no one is available at the Office of Fire Prevention (610-437-7758), call the Central Fire Station (610-437-7747) or the Allentown Communications Center (610-437-7751).

**BONFIRE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Name of Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the sponsor of the bonfire is not the owner, you must have permission to use the property.**

Owner of Property where the bonfire will be held: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Person granting permission: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location of Event: (deed address or street address, along with location on property)

Name of person in charge of the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Permit:     \$150.00 for a bonfire of one-hour burn time.  
                          \$225.00 for a bonfire of two-hour burn time.  
                          Make checks payable to "City of Allentown"

It is important to contact the Fire Prevention Office for a pre-lighting inspection and the exact time the bonfire is to be lighted. The bonfire will be permitted to burn for the allotted time and then extinguished.

**Permit contingent upon compliance with all Bonfire Regulations.**

**Office Use Only**

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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