

# Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District

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Gene Connell, Chairman  
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## **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MURRELLS INLET-GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO “RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING”.**

**WHEREAS,** The Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District Board of Directors has, by resolution, adopted an open burning policy that mirrors the latest adopted version of the International Fire Code, SC Code of Laws Chapter Title 48 Chapter 35 and South Carolina Code of Regulations 61-62.2.

**Open Burning** Is the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

### **Location.**

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

### **Exceptions:**

1. 1. Fires in *approved* containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
2. 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.

**Bonfires.**

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**Recreational fires.**

*Recreational fires* shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**Portable outdoor fireplaces.**

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

**Exception:** Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family *dwelling*s.

**Attendance.**

*Open burning*, bonfires, *recreational fires* and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher 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.

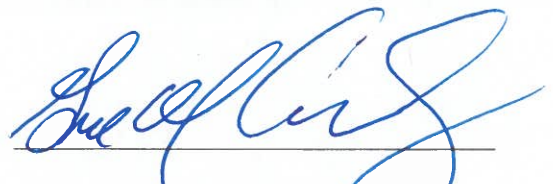
**Notification.**

Prior to any open burning, a burn notification must be made to the South Carolina Forestry Commission and to the proper county dispatch.

**Exception :** grills, campfires, portable fireplaces, permanent fire pits, etc.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public meeting held on this date, the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2025.

Murrells Inlet-Garden City  
Board of Directors

  
Gene Connell, Chairman