

## Chapter 10 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

**Secs. 10-1--10-30. Reserved.**

### ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION CODE

**Sec. 10-31. Short title.**

This article shall be known as and may be cited as the "Fire Prevention Code of Pittsfield Charter Township."

(Ord. No. 242, § 1, eff. 10-13-1999)

**Sec. 10-32. Adoption of fire prevention code.**

That certain document, copies of which are on file in the office of the clerk of the township, being marked as designated as "The BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, Tenth Edition, 1996," as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. be and is hereby adopted as the fire prevention code of the township; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this article, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in section 10-33 of this article.

(Ord. No. 242, § 2, 10-13-1999)

**Sec. 10-33. Additions, insertions and changes.**

The following sections are hereby revised as follows:

*Section F-101.1.* Insert "Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan."

*Table F-107.2.3.* Insert "No" in all items in the columns marked "Permit Required", "Permit Fee", and "Inspection Fee" except item F-403.4 where "yes" shall be inserted under "Permit Fee."

*Section F-112.1* changed to read as follows:

*F-112.1. Notice of violation:* The code official shall serve a written notice of violation or order for correction on the property owner or other responsible party directing the discontinuance and/or correction of the illegal action or condition and the abatement of the violation. The code

official may also issue a municipal civil infraction notice or citation pursuant to section 112.3 below.

*Section F-112.1.2. Notice waived* is added as follows:

*F-112.1.2. Notice waived:* The requirement for written notice of violation shall be waived for violation of sections F-311.0, F-316.0 and F-403.0 and where the code official deems the violation to be an imminent danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

*Section F-112.2* changed to read as follows:

*F-112.2. Failure to correct violations:* If the notice of violation is not complied with within the time specified by the code official, the code official shall issue a citation under the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance of Pittsfield Township.

*Section F-112.3* changed to read as follows:

*F-112.3. Penalty for violations:* Violation of the provisions of this code, or failure to comply with any order issued pursuant to any section thereof, shall be a municipal civil infraction subject to the penalties established by the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance of Pittsfield Township, being Ordinance No. 219.

*Section F-316.0. Hydrant and fire department connection access* is added as follows:

*F-316.1. Blocking fire hydrants and fire department connections and fire department access:* It shall be unlawful to damage or deface or to obscure from view, or to obstruct or restrict within 15 feet in all directions the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lands or on private property or to block posted fire or access lanes.

The code official shall attempt to provide notice of the violation to the property owner or other responsible party requiring immediate correction of the violation. If the violation is not corrected in a timely manner, or no responsible party can be located, the code official shall issue a citation under this ordinance and may proceed to remove the same and the township shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of all costs involved in said removal."

*Section 506.2. Alarm systems* is added as follows:

*Section 506.2. Alarm systems:* Water flow alarm systems required by the adopted building code shall be line voltage audible and visual systems. The required flow switch, alarm bells and visual indicators must be installed independent of any non-required alarm equipment and must be visible and audible everywhere in the building at the level prescribed in the applicable code. In multiple tenant buildings at least one bell and visual signal, connected to the main riser(s) flow switch, must be installed in each tenant space. These alarm units are to be line voltage and connected to a separate circuit with the breaker locked on.

*Section 506.3. Inspectors test* is added as follows:

*Section 506.3. Inspectors test:* an inspectors test must be installed on each riser at the farthest point from the water source and reduced to the smallest size head in service on that riser.

*Section F-3003.2* is amended by adding the following:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person storing explosives shall comply with the "Explosives Act of 1970," Michigan Public Act No. 202 of 1970 [MSA 4.559(41) et seq., MCL 29.42 et seq.].

(Ord. 242, § 3, eff. 10-13-1999)

**Secs. 10-34--10-65. Reserved.**

### **ARTICLE III. OPEN BURNING**

#### **Sec. 10-66. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Bonfire* means an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

*Open burning* means the burning of leaves, grass clippings, trash, lumber, straw or any other materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. 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.

*Recreational fire* means an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.

(Ord. No. 205, § 2, eff. 9-26-1995)

#### **Sec. 10-67. Open burning prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit outdoor open burning except as otherwise provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 205, § 3, eff. 9-26-1995)

**Sec. 10-68. Allowable open burning; notification required.**

- (a) The following outdoor open burning shall be allowed after proper notification to the fire department:
- (1) Open burning in a zoned agricultural district;
  - (2) Open burning within the geographical area bounded by Munger Road on the east, Carpenter Road on the west, Merritt Road on the south and Textile Road on the north;
  - (3) A fire for the control of crop disease;
  - (4) Fires to provide heat for outdoor workers;
  - (5) Fires for recognized silviculture, range or wildlife management practice;
  - (6) Fires for training firemen or for research in fire prevention;
  - (7) A fire for the health, safety and welfare of the community when such fire is ignited by the municipal fire department; and
  - (8) Bonfires.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, proper notification to the fire department shall mean a telephone call to the township fire department notifying them of the time, date and place where outdoor open burning will be conducted.

(Ord. No. 205, § 4, eff. 9-26-1995; Ord. No. 214, § 1, eff. 10-22-1996)

**Sec. 10-69. Other allowable open burning; notification not required.**

Outdoor open burning shall be allowed without prior notification to the fire department for recreational fires, highway safety flares, and smudge pots and similar occupational needs.

(Ord. No. 205, § 5, eff. 9-26-1995)

**Sec. 10-70. Regulation of open burning where permitted.**

Whenever outdoor open burning is permitted or allowable under this article, such open burning shall be conducted and regulated as follows:

- (1) All open burning must be at least 50 feet from any structure and 15 feet from any property line except recreational fires;
- (2) No open burning shall be started or permitted prior to 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. except recreational fires and other fires for which no permit is required.
- (3) Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, 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.

- (4) A bonfire shall not be more than five feet wide and five feet high and shall not burn longer than three hours. The maximum size and duration of a bonfire shall not be increased by the fire department personnel unless it is determined that fire safety requirements of the situation and the desirable duration of burn warrant the increase. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist solely of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes.
- (5) The fire marshal may prohibit open burning during a fire alert, warning or when atmospheric or local conditions make such burning hazardous.

(Ord. No. 205, § 6, eff. 9-26-1995)

**Sec. 10-71. Evidence.**

The presence of any open fire upon the land or premises shall constitute prima facie evidence that the fire has been set with the consent of the occupant or owner of such land or premises.

(Ord. No. 205, § 7, eff. 9-26-1995)

**Sec. 10-72. Penalty.**

Violation of the provisions of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction subject to the penalties established by the municipal civil infraction ordinance of the township, being Ordinance No. 219, chapter 2, article VI of this Code.

(Ord. No. 205, § 8, eff. 9-26-1995; Ord. No. 224, § 1, eff. 12-17-1997)

**Chapter 11 RESERVED**