

ORDINANCE NO. 08-02

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FALCON HEIGHTS CITY CODE
CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FIRES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 26 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Falcon Heights City Code is amended to add the following section:

Sec. 26-4. Recreational fires.

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

Combustible material means any material that is capable of being ignited, including wastepaper, wood, hay, straw, weeds, litter, plastic or combustible or flammable waste or rubbish of any type. Healthy trees are not combustible material.

Recreational fire means an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish, trash, debris, grass, tree trimmings, garden residue or similar materials where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, barbeque grill, or barbeque pit.

(b) Requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn a recreational fire in the City unless:

- (1) the fire is used for cooking, social, or recreational purposes;
- (2) the fire is at least twenty-five (25) feet from a structure or combustible material and ten (10) feet from a property line;
- (3) conditions that could cause a fire to spread within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure are eliminated prior to ignition;
- (4) the fire is no greater than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in flame height and surrounded by a base or barrier of non-combustible material that is at least six (6) inches in height;
- (5) the fire burns charcoal or dry unpainted or untreated wood that is at least one (1) inch diameter;
- (6) the fire burns between:
 - a. 9:00 am and 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday;
 - b. 9:00 am and 11:00 pm Friday, Saturday and legal holidays;
- (7) a responsible adult is attending the fire and the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the scene;

- (8) fire extinguishing equipment (such as dirt, sand, buckets, shovels, garden hose, or a fire extinguisher) is readily available for use; and
- (9) wind speeds do not exceed 10 mph.

(c) Recreational fires are not permitted at anytime of day when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has issued an air quality alert or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has declared a burning ban.

(d) The Fire Chief and authorized fire department personnel, and police are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished if the fire creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable condition.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2008, by the City Council of Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

BY: 
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

ATTEST:


Justin Miller, City Administrator/Clerk