

Amber Noworatzky

From: Michael Cummings
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:25 PM
To: Chad Beeman
Cc: Amber Noworatzky; Todd Blaser
Subject: Re: September Public Safety Items

Let's add it to the agenda To officially discuss.

Mike

On Sep 6, 2023 7:20 PM, Chad Beeman <cbeeman@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Good evening all,

I feel as most all of these new propane tables etc. are being used on decks and patios it's worth revisiting. However, if there's something I'm missing or Chief Blaser has reservations about these being used as most are (within 30' of the home) then I would say leave it as is. Maybe we change it to say "as recommended by manufacturer" I'm not familiar with the reasons? I just know most propane grills are used less than 30" from the garage or home as well?

Thanks

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On Sep 6, 2023, at 11:38 AM, Amber Noworatzky <anoworatzky@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Please let me know if this changes your decision to place it on the agenda. I will be finalizing the agenda tomorrow so if you could let me know I would appreciate it.

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From: Chad Beeman <cbeeman@manitowoc.org>
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All,

In regards to Catherine's request she is asking that the ordinance specifies that "propane tank fire tables" be excluded from the 30' rule as these are mainly used on decks and near to structures.

Thanks

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On Sep 5, 2023, at 6:16 PM, Chad Beeman <cbeeman@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Agreed, I will be touching base with Catherine prior to adding it to any further discussions.

Thanks to all for weighing in.

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On Sep 5, 2023, at 3:51 PM, Michael Cummings <mcummings@manitowoc.org> wrote:

I read it very clear regarding portable fire pits.

Alderman Beeman... can you share with Cathern Egger and see if there is anything I maybe missing? I'm thinking it wad just not knowing the right code to look at?

Let's keep it off of the agenda until I hear the follow-up information.

Thanks,

Michael Cummings

On Sep 5, 2023 3:10 PM, Amber Noworatzky
<anoworatzky@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Please advise if this should be added to the September PS agenda for discussion.

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I have pasted the current ordinance for reference.

6.120 Lighting Fires.

(1) Definitions.

Combustible refuse shall be taken to mean discarded, relatively dry, miscellaneous materials comprising chiefly wood, paper, rags, excelsior, straw, leather, rubber, boxes and similar discarded articles of combustible nature.

Patron. The word **patron** as used herein shall mean any person, firm or corporation producing any type of waste material covered by this section. In case of a firm or corporation, the word **patron** will be construed to mean the principal agent, officer or employee responsible for said firm or corporation.

(2) **Bonfires.** It shall be unlawful for any patron or person to light and burn trash, lumber, leaves, straw, or any other combustible refuse outdoors at any time within the City limits. Before any acreage grass is to be burned permission must first be received from the Fire Department and the fire must be attended at all times and must not be closer than 30 feet to any buildings.

(3) Exceptions.

(a) This section shall not restrict the use of electric, charcoal, wood or gas portable or permanent cooking grills sized for normal residential use, or campfire pits or portable fire pit appliances, with the following conditions:

1. Fire pits or portable fire pit appliances shall be located at least 30 feet from any living quarters and 20 feet from any combustible building.

2. Fires in fire pits or appliances must be no larger than three feet in diameter and extend no more than two feet above the pit or appliance.

3. Smoke from cooking grills, appliances, or fire pits shall not create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Law enforcement officers and fire department officials have the authority to order fires extinguished if a nuisance is being created.

4. Open fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. In the case of fire pits or open portable fire pit appliances, the person shall have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

5. In the case of multiple-family dwelling premises (three or more), premises used for commercial or industrial purposes, or premises used for commercial or industrial purposes with apartments in the structure:

A. No charcoal burners shall be kindled or maintained on balconies or within 10 feet of any structure, exterior window, or exit.

B. Electric grills are permitted for use on balconies above the first floor. Charcoal and propane grills are prohibited on balconies.

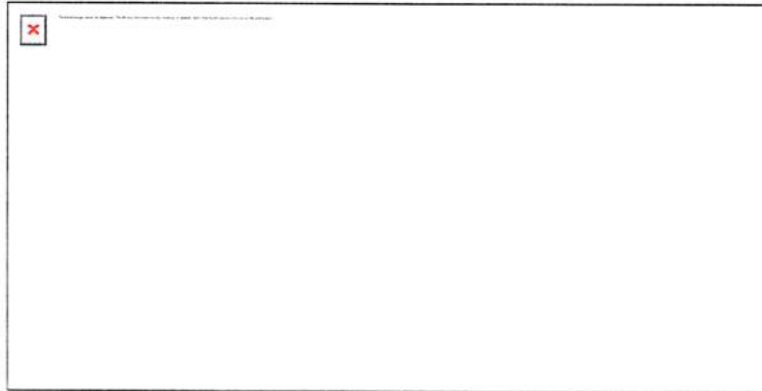
6. The Fire Chief may prohibit any or all open fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The Fire Chief may also permit cooking grills or fire pits or appliances which do not comply with the specific requirements set forth upon individual application; provided, that adequate safeguards are maintained. The Chief can revoke said permission at any time. A variance granted by the Fire Chief will be for a term not to exceed one year. All variances must be renewed every year.

(b) At any civic event held under the supervision of the Fire Department, all burning shall be under the supervision of an adult in attendance. The Fire Department official at the event will determine if conditions are safe for the fire. If conditions are deemed to be unsafe, an alternate date may be chosen by the organizers of the event.

(c) Commercial burning may be had in the I-2 heavy industry zone if the area is approved by the Fire Chief and the Director of Building Inspection according to MMC [16.320](#).

(d) Industrial burning may be had in the I-2 heavy industry zone of the City of Manitowoc when the same is done in a substantial burner built of brick or of boiler iron not less than one-quarter of one inch in thickness and when the same is well covered or screened to prevent the escape of sparks and burning embers. No industrial fire, however, shall be built within 30 feet of any building, lumber, wood piles or wooden fence, nor within any side yard or rear yard requirement of the Building Code.

(4) Penalty. Any person found guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.



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Good evening all,

Catherine Egger has reached out to me requesting changes to our municipal code regarding "Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces etc"

It would appear this verbiage does not include or distinguish between actual in ground fire pits and the very common new portable gas fire tables etc. which a large percentage of our residents now own.

The request would be to add a section specific to (or excluding) these from the code restriction of 30ft from any structure. As well as any other changes we see fit.

I believe this is a valid request as so many of these units are used on patios, decks and in driveways within close proximity to structures.

I also believe this code was probably not written to include these as they did not exist at that time and is worth our time to revisit.

She mentioned that a friend had spoken to Chief Blaser on the subject and "He did not see a problem with it" however, we are not sure if this is legitimate information?

Chief please weigh in with your thoughts.

Thanks

Sincerely,

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On Aug 30, 2023, at 11:43 AM, Amber Noworatzky
<anoworatzky@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Hello,

If you have any items for the September 11th Public
Safety agenda, please have them to me by noon,
Wednesday, September 6th.

Thank you,

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