



HINESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OPEN BURNING PERMIT

Under the provisions of the Fire Prevention and Protection code of the City of Hinesville, the Department authorizes:

(Name)

to conduct : **Open Burning (Pit Burns)** **Recreational fire (Camp Fires)** **Bonfire**

Project Location _____ Subdivision _____

Property Owner _____ Contact Number _____

Contractor _____ Office Phone _____ Mobile _____

Mail Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Description of material to be burned:

Permit valid from _____ through _____

Applicant agrees to comply with the City of Hinesville Ordinance Sec. 8-80 – Land clearing fire requirements. (12) Land clearing fires are permitted only during the hours beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset. (The air curtain must be OFF if left unattended. Additional wood should not be added to the pit before leaving the burn site.)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Address)

(Telephone Number)

APPROVAL

Permit # _____

Pit Burn Fee \$250.00 per pit Receipt # _____

Authorized By: _____

Application Date: _____

Date of Issue: _____

15 Day Extension #1 _____ 15 Day Extension #2 _____

Extension Authorized By: _____

Sec. 8-80. Land clearing fire requirements.

- (a) *All land clearing fires shall be pit fires.* All pit fires shall be conducted in accordance with the most current Air Curtain Destructor Operating Guide and Procedures as published by the North Georgia Region Environmental Protection Division.
- (b) Pit fires shall comply with the following requirements:
- (1) Pit fires shall be prohibited in the Downtown Overlay District;
 - (2) The pit shall be at least 300 feet from any occupied or habitable structure. This distance may be increased at the discretion of the Fire Chief or designee;
 - (3) The pit shall be at least 1000 feet from any major highway or thoroughfare;
 - (4) Where a site cannot be excavated to the recommended depth due to high water table and/or subsurface rock, the pit may be constructed aboveground level, subject to the same state standards and procedures for a pit belowground level;
 - (5) Only wood wastes consisting of trees, logs, large brush, stumps, leaves, and untreated lumber may be burned in the pit;
 - (6) Leaves, sawdust or other densely packed wood wastes, paper, chemically treated, coated or impregnated wood; or non-wood construction materials shall not be burned. The amount of dirt/soil mixture shall be kept to a minimum;
 - (7) No more than one air curtain destructor is allowed to be operated within a ten- acre permitted site at one time. The air curtain destructor must be under the supervision of a trained operator at all times during operation. In the event there is a need for multiple burning pits there shall be a minimum of 1,000 feet between each burning pit;
 - (8) Air curtain destructors shall be able to pass an even, nonturbulent flow of air across the top of the pit. Air curtain destructors with an air duct or manifold that have been altered by bends, dents, or holes and are incapable of providing an even and nonturbulent flow of air across the top of the pit are not permitted;
 - (9) The air curtain destructor shall be operated in a manner to prevent air, land or water pollution, safety/health hazards, or nuisances;
 - (10) Tires or other rubber products, plastics, heavy oils or asphaltic base or impregnated materials shall not be used to start or maintain air curtain destructor operations;
 - (11) No smoke emissions exceeding 40 percent opacity may be produced during operation except for a reasonable period during ignition and charging of the pit;
 - (12) When the pit is cleared of ash, airborne particulate is to be minimized by wetting or mixing the ashes with dirt;
 - (13) Only diesel fuel or kerosene may be used as an ignitable liquid accelerant, to ignite pit fires; and
 - (14) Land clearing fires are permitted only during the hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at sunset.

(Code 1978, § 8-54; Ord. No. 2024-02, 5-16-2024)