

PORTLAND FIRE & RESCUE

April 17, 2018



FIR 3.13 - SWEAT LODGES

I. SCOPE

- A. This policy is established December 29, 1994.
- B. The purpose of this policy is to provide uniform enforcement of fire safety regarding forested, environmental and structural exposures.
- C. This policy applies to all sweat lodges located within the area protected by Portland Fire & Rescue.

II. SPECIFIC

- A. References:
 - 1. 2016 Portland Fire Code (PFC).

III. GUIDANCE

- A. Conditional Use Permit:
 - 1. Minimum distance of 25 feet to structure from the heating fire must be maintained.
 - 2. Vegetation and ground cover must be cleared or tilled for a radius of 15 feet from the fire and mowed close to the ground to a radius of 50 feet next to forested land.
 - 3. Provide a domestic water source with a garden hose attached. Hose must always be charged while the fire is burning, equipped with a nozzle, able to reach all parts of the fire pit, and able to reach all sides of the sweat lodge.
 - 4. Sweat lodges must be less than 200 square feet.
 - 5. Fires must be extinguished when winds reach 15 mph or greater or when a burn ban is in effect.
 - 6. A drawing of the location must be submitted with the permit application.
 - 7. If complaints are received concerning dense smoke or noxious odors, the Fire Marshal's Office may revoke the permit.
 - 8. Permits shall expire on January 1 of each year. Permit shall be re-applied for annually.

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