

**Title 8 Fire Prevention
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8.01.010 Definitions

When used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- A. Fireworks – a combustible or explosive device for producing a striking display of light or a loud noise, used for signaling or as part of a celebration.
- B. Pyrotechnic – art of making fireworks, fireworks display.
- C. Recreational fires – a recreational fire is defined as an outdoor fire used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes, exclusive of open fires.
- D. Town – meaning the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

8.01.020 General

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is located in the wildland-urban interface, adjacent to US Forest Service property. Much of the Town is located in areas that are subject to lush forested or grassland vegetation. Approximately one half of the building lots within the Town are undeveloped and not maintained. This creates an increased risk of fire during dry conditions due to the accumulation of heavy dry vegetation. Our Town could be subject to extensive damage should a fire occur. This ordinance is established in anticipation of the potential for high fire danger, and the corresponding threat to life and property in the event of a wildfire, while recognizing the pleasures of a recreational fire.

8.01.030 Discharge of Fireworks

It shall be unlawful for any person to set a flame to, light, fire, explode, discharge, or set off any pyrotechnic device or other object containing powder or other combustible material within the Town boundaries. The effective dates of Section 8.01.030 shall be from April 1 through November 30 of each year, or when declared by the Mayor with concurrence of at least two (2) Town Councilmen.

8.01.040 Recreational Fires

A recreational fire is defined as an outdoor fire used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes, exclusive of open fires. Unless allowed by one of the following exceptions, it shall be unlawful for any person to have a recreational fire within Town boundaries from April 1 through November 30 of each year or when declared by the Mayor with concurrence of at least two (2) Town Councilmen.

Exceptions:

- A. Wood burning fire container:
 - 1. Consisting of a freestanding manufactured outdoor fireplace or fire-pit; and
 - 2. Constructed of stone, concrete block, concrete, metal, ceramic or other noncombustible material; and
 - 3. Shall have burn chambers entirely enclosed by noncombustible solid or spark arresting materials; and
 - 4. Chimneys and/or other smoke and heat discharge areas shall be provided with spark arrestors.
- B. Gas burning fire container:
 - 1. Consisting of a freestanding manufactured outdoor fireplace or fire-pit; and
 - 2. Constructed of stone, concrete block, concrete, metal, ceramic or other noncombustible material; and
 - 3. Shall have a burn chamber.
- C. Manufactured or permanently constructed barbecue grills (Gas or Charcoal), designed for food preparation, when in use shall maintain at least the minimum

combustible material clearance specified by the manufacturer. If no combustible material clearance is specified, the minimum distance is three (3) feet

- D. All fires must be attended at all times until fully extinguished with water, turned off, or extinguished by other methods resulting in a similar effect.
- E. The Town of Star Valley Ranch reserves the right to issue a one-event, special burn permit with the signature of three council members.
- F. Other “Exceptions” may be permitted but must be requested in writing by a current legal home occupant, approved by signature of any two of the following: the Mayor or Town Council, Special Municipal Officer, Public Works Director, Town Administrator and attested by the Town Clerk, a copy of which must be available during the burning period.
- G. NO exceptions as specified in Section 8.01.040 (F) are permitted when the inherent fire danger is deemed as HIGH or EXTREME by the US Forest Service.

Note: Title 6, Chapter 1, Appendix 6.01-A, Building and Construction Site Requirements, Paragraph 17, states "No fires are permitted to dispose of construction material, demolition, or yard debris". This is unchanged and stays in effect

8.01.050 Open Fires

- A. Open burning of any trash, tree trimmings, leaf and grass rakings, or other such debris is prohibited.
- B. Open Fires set by Public Safety Officials in performance of their duties are permitted.

8.01.060 Violation

Any outdoor fire, not specifically permitted in this chapter, shall be a violation.

8.01.070 Municipal Court Bond Schedule Shall Be Authorized

Setting of and implementation of bond schedules are the exclusive domain of the Court. State courts are ordered to follow the Supreme Court’s bond schedule, and Municipal Courts are encouraged to follow the Supreme Court’s schedule as well. However, the decision of whether or not even to set bonds is a function limited to the Court as part of Wyoming Supreme Court’s Canon 1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, “A Judge Shall uphold the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary.”

Any Person or persons found in violation of any section of this chapter, shall be fined or otherwise penalized in a manner consistent with Title 13 Municipal Court bond Schedule of The Town of Star Valley Ranch Town Code.

8.01.080 Severability

If any section, subsection or clause of this chapter shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining chapters, sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.