Permit to Kindle Fire - Brush, Campfire and other outdoor burning

A Fire permit issued by the Town Forest Fire Warden, Deputy Warden or designee is required for any category of outdoor burning in accordance with RSA 227-L:17 and RES 5600 NH Division of Forest & Lands Rules.

- Permission - No person shall kindle a fire upon the land of another without written permission from the property owner.

- Permits - No person, firm, or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire on a public dump, accept when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless it is in the presence of the warden or the warden's agent. The State Forester may make and adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions, and he shall prepare all state permits issued by Forest Fire Wardens or his agent.

- Liability – Any person, firm or corporation causing or kindling a fire without a permit, when a permit is required, and also any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, is liable to the town for all expenses incurred in attending or extinguishing such fire. Every person who shall set fire on any land that shall run upon the land of another shall pay the owner all damages don by such fire.

- Category I Fires – means a small controlled fire such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 2' in diameter contained within a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace.

- Category II Fires – means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire, no greater than 4' in diameter or a fire contained with a ring of fire resistive material or in a portable fireplace.

- Category III Fires – means any other fire, not a category I or category II fire or a fire greater than 4' in diameter or a fire not contained with a ring of resistive material.

- Penalty – For kindling a fire in wood lands of another without written permission of the owner, or for kindling any fire without a written permit when a permit is required, a person may be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to $ 2,000.00 and/or imprisoned for a period of up to 1 year.

Procedure to obtain a permit:

1. Category I & II Campfire permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Station at 358-6455 to make an appointment for a site inspection. The site inspection is required to verify the location/distance from structures of the fire resistive fire ring. A permit can be issued to a property owner or tenant with written permission of the land owner at the time of the inspection. If you do not make contact please leave a voicemail with your name, physical address, telephone number and other pertinent information and someone from the fire department will return your call.

2. Category III brush fire permits may be obtained by going directly to the fire station at 34 Main Street, Monday through Friday between the hours of 08:00am and 04:00pm or by calling 358-6455 and leaving a voice mail with you name, physical address, telephone number and other pertinent information and someone from the fire department will return your call. Although not mandatory a site inspection may be required to verify compliance of materials, size and location.

3. There is no charge for Category I, II, or III fire permits or inspections