

Clackamas Fire District #1



CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1 RESOLUTION 09-14 Rules for Open Burning

Whereas, the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) of Clackamas County Fire District #1 (hereinafter referred to as “the District”) being aware of the need to develop adequate policies and regulations that enable the District to provide consistent services to residents; and

Whereas, open burning rules and oversight has been unclear and at times contradictory; and

Whereas, multiple community interest groups and government agencies interpret Open Burning definitions and policies differently; and

Whereas, unlawful open burning practices may create noxious and toxic byproducts of combustion and reduced visibility which may result in a hazard to public health; and

Whereas, Oregon Revised Statutes including ORS 478.960 and Oregon Administrative Rules authorize fire districts to regulate all open burning within their jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the District is required to establish a published system of open burning polices, rules, and definitions to frame regulations and enforcement practices; now therefore be it

Resolved, that District Open Burning Policies will be established by Board Resolution; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Policies will support the organizational mission, “To safely protect and preserve life and property”; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Policies will include public education and outreach to improve community safety, promote alternatives to open burning, and open burning practices that reduce environmental impact; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Policies and Rules will be consistent with existing Oregon Revised Statues, Oregon Administrative Rules, and the Oregon Fire Code; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Polices and Rules will work in partnership with state, regional, and local partners and toward a consistent regional approach to open burning regulation; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Polices and Rules will support community safety while finding a balance between livability issues, environmental impact, and the financial impact within the communities served; and be it further

Resolved, that District Open Burning Rules shall include authorizing staff to revoke open burning privileges by letter for repeat offenders; and be it further

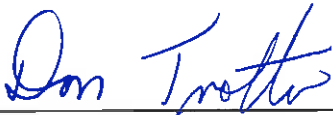
Resolved, that District Open Burning Polices and Rules will provide clear, concise, and user-friendly definitions; and be it further

Resolved, that the Fire Chief is authorized to apply District Open Burning Polices consistent with Board policy and shall be responsible for reviewing all open burning polices, rules, and SOG's.

OPEN BURNING APPEALS

Appeals to open burning enforcement shall be initiated by the land owner or responsible party by contacting the Open Burning Coordinator at 503-742-2660. If the appeal is unresolved within 10 days, it shall be presented to the Fire Chief in writing within 45 days from the date of the notification of violation, invoice, or notification of revoked open burning privileges being received. Decisions of the Fire Chief are final.

Adopted this date December 21, 2009



Chairperson, Board of Directors



Secretary, Board of Directors