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“BARBECUES”

1. Clearances from Combustibles.

- A minimum of 3 metre’s must be maintained from combustible objects.
- Charcoal BBQ’s being ignited with flammable liquids is not to be used on combustible decks.
- BBQ’s must not be subject to vehicle traffic flow. Barricades or caution tape must be placed to prevent vehicle access to area
- Cooking is prohibited within any enclosed tent. Canopies approved by the Guelph Fire Department must meet NFPA 701, NFPA 705 or CAN/ULC S109M. “CARAVAN” and “EZ-UP” tents and canopies have proven to meet the above standards by the manufacture.

2. Supervision

- BBQ must be supervised at all times. IF alcohol is being served, the licensed area must be fenced and provision provided for exiting.

3. Provisions for Fire Protection.

- Provide extinguishers or other means of extinguishment. A Portable extinguisher with a minimum 2A10BC rating is required.
- BBQ’s should be soap checked for leaks prior to using. Open lid prior to igniting.

4. Wind Conditions

- Prohibit burning during high wind conditions.

5. Time Restrictions

- Periods of burning may be restricted to certain days or hours of the week. In the event of dry conditions or Smog alerts, events that are using BBQ’s may be prohibited.

6. Complaints.

- Complaints received regarding problems associated with smoke may be cause for an approval to be rescinded

7. Recreational or camp fires

- Must be in compliance with the Fire Code 2.6.3.4. (1) “Open-air burning **shall not** be permitted unless approved, or unless such burning consists of a small, confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or a barbecue.” Once cooking is complete the fire **must** be extinguished immediately. Approvals for recreational fires are only granted under special circumstances. Only appliance that are in conformance with the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000 for outdoor use are acceptable for use.

8. Rental of City Pavilions and Company/Group BBQ's

- Company or Group BBQ's taking place on city property must meet the requirements set out by other City Divisions. I.e. Clerk's Office. The use of a commercial type BBQ must comply with all the above regulations.

In addition to the above, there may be concerns relating to smoke, health and safety that are not regulated under the Ontario Fire Code. Issues concerning air quality should be addressed to the Ministry of the Environment (Environmental Protection Act). **1-800-265-8658**

Failure to comply with **ANY** of the guidelines noted above, this Department may proceed with prosecution against you as owner/tenant for Non compliance with article 2.6.3.4. of the Ontario Fire Code or the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. Those found to be in Violation shall be held liable for cost incurred by the Guelph Fire Department for any emergency response. (\$300 for each responding vehicle per hour).

“Place your Barbecue away from combustible surfaces when it is operating. It is unlawful to operate a BBQ within 3 m of a combustible wall or window of any building. They should not be used beneath overhangs, combustible roofs or low trees.”

A FIRE INSPECTION MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE VENUE IS SAFE FOR THE OCCUPANTS ATTENDING THE EVENT.

Any further questions with respect to special event and in the interest of fire safety shall be directed to the Fire Prevention Division at 519-763-8111.