

# **COOKING GRILLS & FIRE PITs**

**City of Manitowoc Ordinance 6.13 (3) (a)**

**Manitowoc Fire Department  
686-6540**

## **WHAT FIRES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?**

Fires for cooking and/or fires for fun.

## **WHAT MAY I BURN?**

Your grills may be electrical, or burn charcoal, LP Gas, or clean (unpainted, unstained, untreated) wood.

## **WHERE MAY I PLACE MY FIRE PIT?**

Fire pits (both portable and permanent) must be:

- \***At least 30' from any living quarters and**
- \***At least 20' from any combustible building.**

- \*\*\* Existing fire pits not in compliance with these limits may be acceptable if safe and approved by the Fire Department.
- \*\*\* For the purpose of interpretation of the Fire Pit Ordinance, a wooden deck attached to a living unit is considered part of the unit, thus requiring 30' separation between a deck and a fire pit.

## **HOW BIG MAY I MAKE MY FIRE?**

The fire may not exceed 3' in diameter, and the flames may not extend more than 2' above the pit or appliance.

## **WHAT ABOUT FIRE SAFETY?**

Fires in fire pits must be constantly attended, and have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available.

## **WHAT IF MY NEIGHBOR COMPLAINS?**

The smoke may not cause a problem for your neighbor. If it does, a complaint will result in an order to extinguish.

**(OVER FOR "GRILLS AT APARTMENTS" INFORMATION)**

## **FOR APARTMENT USE ONLY**

### **WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY APARTMENT?**

You must obey this ordinance if your apartment is:

\*In a building with at least two other apartments;

OR

\*In a building used for commercial or industrial purposes.

### **MAY I USE MY CHARCOAL GRILL ON MY BALCONY?**

**NO! Not on your combustible balcony!!!**

### **MAY I USE MY CHARCOAL GRILL ON THE GROUND?**

Yes, but you must be at least:

\*10' away from any combustible patio

AND

\*15' away from any combustible wall partition, exterior window, or exit.

### **MAY I USE MY LP GAS GRILL OR ELECTRIC GRILL ON MY BALCONY?**

Only with a 1 LB. LP GAS capacity (or less) cylinder.

**EXCEPTION:** If your balcony is served by an outside stairway and the LP container is transported to the balcony by those stairs, larger cylinders are acceptable.