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FIRE PERMIT # _____ Date _____

NAME _____

CIVIC ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER 705 - _____ - _____ () - _____ - _____

E-MAIL _____

Authority is hereby granted to the **owner** listed above to start a fire upon the above described lands from the date issued to December 31st of the year.

The permit holder is subject to all conditions listed in Open Air Burning Procedures By-Law # 2002-412, as well as the following special conditions;

1. **NO DAYTIME BURNING** - by order of the JOHNSON TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF, Ron Smith.

Burn time is from 2 hours before sunset to 2 hours after sunrise.

2. **PRIOR TO BURNING** - Please call 782-6802, the Johnson Township Fire Department or

Email jtfdfirepermit@gmail.com and provide the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Civic Address (911 # and name of road)
- c. Date, Day and time of burn

3. The size of the burn shall not exceed one pile that is less than 2 meters in diameter and 2 meters high

**I the undersigned, prior to burning will read the following attachments and agree to comply with the conditions and guidelines herein. (pages 2-4)*

- a. General Conditions to be Complied with by Fire Permit Holder.
- b. Burning Permit Guidelines
- c. Safety is the Key to Burning Grass and debris
- d. Campfire Safety

EMERGENCY PHONE # 911

GENERAL CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH BY FIRE PERMIT HOLDER

1. The permit holder shall keep the **permit at the site** of the burning operation conducted under this permit and shall show the permit upon request to any person in proper authority.
2. The permit holder shall have at the location of the fire **sufficient persons and firefighting equipment** to control the fires and assumes full responsibility for determining the sufficiency of persons and equipment.
3. The permit holder shall keep the fire at least **15 meters from any structure and 5 meters from any combustible material** (trees, grass, woodpiles. etc.)
4. The permit holder shall **not leave** the site of the fire until the fire has been completely extinguished.
5. The permit holder shall be responsible to determine if **restricted fire zone** conditions are in effect.
6. The permit holder assumes full **responsibility for all damages** of every nature and kind which may arise as a result of the fire set by the permit holder and irrevocably agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Township from any claims made against the Township in consequence of damages arising from the fire set by the permit holder.
7. The **Township may cancel or suspend the fire permit** at any time and immediately upon receiving notice of such cancellation or suspension the permit holder shall extinguish any fire started under the permit.
8. Any **costs and expenses** incurred by the Township or any Provincial Authority in controlling or extinguishing the fires set by the permit holder shall be **paid by the permit holder**.
9. Every person who **fails to comply** with the terms of this permit is guilty of an offence under the Forest Fire Prevention Act, and/or the Ontario Fire Code and upon conviction is liable to a fine or to imprisonment as provided in the said legislation.

BURNING PERMIT GUIDELINES **JOHNSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Ontario Fire Code states;

2.6.3.4 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 barbecue.

Use of an Incinerator: You can burn brush, leaves or wood by-products in an incinerator, provided you meet all of the following conditions:

1. All incinerators must be inspected before use.*
2. The incinerator is an enclosed device constructed of entirely non-combustible material.
3. The incinerator is covered by a non-combustible screen having a mesh size of not more than 5 millimeters.
4. The incinerator must be at least 5 meters away from any forest or woodland.
5. The incinerator must be at least 2 meters away from any flammable material.

6. A responsible person must monitor the fire until it is extinguished.

* Contact Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department @ 705-782-6802 for inspection and an approval certificate.

SAFETY IS THE KEY WHEN BURNING GRASS & DEBRIS

Choose a Safe Time

- Ensure you have a valid burn permit
- ignite the fire no sooner than 2 hrs before sunset & extinguish it no later than 2 hrs after sunrise
- Never burn on a dry windy day

Keep your Fire Small

- burn only a single pile at any one time
- ensure the pile is less than 2 meters in diameter and less than 2 meters high

Choose a Safe Site

- keep the fire at least 2 meters from any flammable materials
- have a shovel, rake and water adequate to contain the fire at the fire site

Stay with your Fire

- ensure a responsible person tends the fire and never leave it unattended
- keep it under control at all times
- make sure that is completely extinguished before leaving it
- **Remember!** If your burn gets away and becomes a wildfire, you will be liable for the suppression costs and damages to property including the value of lost timber.

Building A Safe Campfire



Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass and leaves.



Start with dry twigs and small sticks. Remember - a good firebuilder never needs gas or kerosene to start a fire.



Keep the campfire small. A good bed of coals or a small fire surrounded by rocks gives plenty of heat. Use an existing fire ring.



Add larger sticks as the fire builds up. Avoid using hatchets, saws, or breaking branches off trees. Dead and down wood burns easily.



Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread.



Put the big pieces on last, pointing them toward the center, and pushing them into the flames. Use wood no larger than the diameter of an adult wrist.

Putting Out Your Campfire

If your campfire is not “dead out”, wind can rekindle the embers and start a wildfire. Follow these steps.



Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.



Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material has been put out and cooled. Smaller pieces of wood are easier to put out than large logs.



Be sure your match is out cold. Break it so you can feel the charred portion before carefully discarding it.



Feel all materials with your bare hand. Make sure that no roots are burning.



Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers and sticks are wet. Move rocks - there may be burning embers underneath.



Campfires may be banned if wildfires are likely. Watch for signs and obey them.

Remember that in case of a
FIRE EMERGENCY
dial 911

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