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Part 1
Fire Prevention

§101. Purposes. The purposes of this Part are to:

A. Protect the air resources of the Borough of Beaver in order to:

(1) Preserve the health, safety and well-being of Borough residents.

(2) Prevent injury to plant and animal life and to property.

(3) Promote the comfort and convenience of the general public.

(4) Enhance the cleanliness and beauty of the community as a place to live and work.

B. Regulate the disposal of garbage and other domestic refuse in a manner consistent with environmental protection and public health concerns.

C. Restrict the production and emission of smoke, soot, fly ash, fumes and other particulate and gaseous products of combustion within Borough limits.

D. Regulate the setting of fires within the Borough.

E. Control the burning of refuse within the Borough in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Air Pollution Control Act (Act No. 787 of 1959, as amended).

(Ordinance 537, October 13, 1970, §1; as amended by Ordinance 686, February 11, 1997, §1)

§102. Outside Burning by Commercial Businesses Prohibited. All outside burning by any commercial business is prohibited, but this prohibition shall not apply to any incinerator or furnace built within or constructed within a building, provided that the chimney of that incinerator or furnace extends beyond the roof level ten feet (10') higher than the highest adjoining building on the adjacent premises; and provided further, that the chimney has a wire screen or other top so constructed as to prevent fly ash from escaping. (Ordinance 537, October 13, 1970, §2)

§103. Outside Burning Restricted.

1. Except as expressly permitted below, all outside burning of any material is prohibited.

2. Charcoal, wood or gas fires kindled for the purpose of outside barbecues are permitted.

3. Open fires may be set in the performance of official duties by any police officer or fireman of the Borough of Beaver if such fire is necessary for:

A. The prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated.

B. The protection of public health.

4. Campfire or ceremonial bonfires may be set, but only with prior approval of the Chief of the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department as to location, material, duration and required safety precautions.

(Ordinance 537, October 13, 1970, §3; as amended by Ordinance 539, November 10, 1970, §§1 and 2; by Ordinance 592, September 12, 1978, §§1 and 2; by Ordinance 621, December 14, 1983; and by Ordinance 686, February 11, 1997, §1)

§104. Indoor Burning Regulated. Fireplaces and properly vented free-standing stoves within private residences are permitted for the purposes of providing heat or aesthetic enjoyment, but in no event shall garbage, rubbish or trash be burned therein. (Ordinance 537, October 13, 1970; as added by Ordinance 686, February 11, 1997, §1)

§105. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ordinance 537, October 13, 1970, §6; as amended by Ordinance 621, December 14, 1983; and by Ordinance 686, February 11, 1997, §1)

Part 2

Fire Department Activities

§201. Authorized Activities. The Beaver Volunteer Fire Department is authorized to engage in the following ancillary activities in addition to those activities recognized and designated under §601(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act [as amended, 77 P.S. §1031(a)(i)]:

A. Perform inspection services of the Borough fire hydrants in accordance with the manual developed and to be revised, from time to time, by the Department, subject to Council approval.

B. Supervise and/or participate in the Beaver VFD 5K/10K Race to raise funds for the purpose of providing training and equipment to the Department's firefighters.

C. Run, help run, or otherwise assist in the management of the Beaver County Women's Center race.

D. Participate in the Light up Festivities in Beaver Borough.

E. Attend and participate in parades as approved and authorized by the Fire Chief.

F. Attend and participate in training and classes from outside providers as approved and authorized by the Fire Chief.

G. Attend and participate in fire prevention programs in the Borough or its immediately contiguous municipalities as approved and authorized by the Fire Chief.

H. Coverage of Beaver Area School District events (such as football games) as approved and authorized by the Fire Chief.

I. Any other activity which may from time to time be specifically authorized by action of the Borough Council.

(Ordinance 786, 3/12/2013, §1)

§202. Restriction. Under no circumstances is the Fire Department permitted to participate in any ancillary activities where its members are serving, selling or distributing alcoholic beverages. (Ordinance 786, 3/12/2013, §1)

