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Pleasanton Fire District

Informational letter on Burn Permits;

To the citizens of Pleasanton Rural Fire District,

There has been a bit of confusion on the criteria for the issuance of burn permits this year. This letter is intended to help address those concerns and provide general information on open burning. We will post this informational letter on our website, on Facebook as well as posting in public areas.

Nebraska is under a permanent statewide burning ban on all open fires with Nebraska Revised Statute 81-520.01. Nebraska Revised Statute 81-520.02 states that any person violating the statewide open burning ban established by section 81-520.01 or violating sections 81-520.03 to 81-520.05 shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor. Under those Statutes the local Fire Chief is allowed to adopt standards and they or their designee may issue a permit to waive that ban to individuals when conditions are acceptable. With the guidance of the State Fire Marshal's Office our standards for issuing a burn permits are as follows. The temperature will need to be less than 80°, sustained winds less than 15 mph with gusts under 20 mph, and humidity above 30%. These conditions must be met for 5 days following the extinguishing of the fire. We use the National Weather Service tabular forecast for this data.

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (aka. DEQ) regulates what items can be burned with Title 129, Chapter 30, 001 and 002. This states that only trees, brush, vegetation, and untreated lumber may be burned. Your burn area will not be inspected by the Fire Department, it is your responsibility to follow these regulations. Burn permit holders could also be liable for any damages accrued from the spread of your fire along with reimbursement of Fire Department costs.

We are a volunteer department with limited resources, so we are going to limit the number of burn permits issued to 5 per day, just in case the weather conditions unknowingly change dramatically. This will allow us to manage any fires that get out of control. We also ask that you limit your requests for burn permits to normal business hours. Please remember they are volunteers with families and full time jobs. With that we would also like to thank those employers for allowing us to serve the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me on my cell phone at 308-627-5864.

Thank you for your continued support

Chief Chad Dixon

Open Burning Permit

Date Issued _____

This permit issued to: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Phone # _____

Burn location: _____

Person supervising burning: _____

Phone # _____

DATE and time of burn: _____

DATE

from _____

TIME

to _____

TIME

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED: _____

Signature of person(s) assuming responsibility in event fire becomes out of control _____

Signature of Fire Chief or Designee Issuing Permit _____

Dispatcher Phone # _____

For additional forms call the State Fire Marshal's Office (402) 471-2027. This permit is issued in accordance with Nebraska Statute 81-520.01. Other permits may be required from the Department of Environmental Quality – Phone (402) 471-2188 or Department of Health and Human Services – Phone (402) 471-0386.