

Town of St. Joseph Perpetual Burning Permit

Permit Issued To:

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone #:	_____

Permit Issued for the following location:

(A separate permit is required for **each** Burning Location. If same as above, state SAME):

Address:	_____
City:	_____
Phone # at Burn Location if any:	_____

The administrative rules of the State of Wisconsin and DNR Air Management and Solid Waste Management Programs **prohibit anyone from burning any of the following materials under any conditions:**

- Wet, combustible rubbish, such as wet cardboard or paper.
- Oily substances, such as oily or greasy rags, oil filters, etc.
- Asphalt, such as asphalt shingles or tar paper.
- Plastics of any kind, including plastic bottles and plastic bags.
- Wood products, treated or painted.

Instructions to Burn:

- Each day you plan to burn, call the St. Croix County Communication Center at **386-4701** and inform them.
- You will be asked your name, address and phone number at the actual Burn Location.
- **If approved, you may then burn. If there is a burning ban set by the Fire Chief at that time, the St. Croix County Communication Center will advise that burning will not be allowed until the ban is lifted.**
- **Permit holder may ignite and maintain only one fire at a time. It is prohibited to leave the fire burning unattended.**

I hereby agree to use all possible care in igniting fires under this permit and to be responsible for all damage done by such fires. I also agree to abide by all Wisconsin State regulations and the Town of St. Joseph Burning Ordinance. I understand this permit will be revoked upon violation of its restrictions. I further understand that if the Fire Department is called to a fire at the Burn Location, permitted or not, I will be responsible to pay all costs incurred for the fire call as determined by the Fire Chief.

Permit Holder Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Permit Authorization: (To be filled in by Issuing Official)

Permit Issued By: _____ Position: _____ Date Issued: _____

White - Fire Chief

Yellow - Town Clerk

Pink - Resident



Chapter 84, BURNING, OUTDOOR

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph 2-6-1997. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Citations -- See Ch. 6.

Solid waste -- See Ch. 163.

§ 84-1. PERMIT REQUIRED; PURPOSE.

Every person, pursuant to W.S.A. s. 60.555 and other provisions as they may apply and this chapter, in the Town of St. Joseph shall seek and obtain a fire safety permit from the Town of St. Joseph, unless exempt by this chapter, for any outdoor fire to be ignited in the Town of St. Joseph. All requirements of this chapter are for protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the town.

§ 84-2. APPLICATION PROCESS.

- A. The application and permit shall designate a single area subject to the burning permit, and the permit shall be issued only for the designated single property. Any permit issued under this chapter is neither transferable nor assignable, either as to person or as to location. No person shall be issued a burning permit in the Town of St. Joseph who has failed to properly and fully complete and submit to the Fire Chief or persons designated by the Fire Chief of the Town of St. Joseph the application form as developed and provided by the Town of St. Joseph.
- B. The application shall include but not be limited to:
 - (1) The name of the applicant.
 - (2) The address of the applicant.
 - (3) The telephone number of the applicant.
 - (4) The actual location of the proposed burning area. (A separate permit is required for each different burn location.)

§ 84-3. EXEMPTIONS.

The following are exempt from this permit requirement:

- A. Persons who burn materials in a stove, furnace or incinerator inside a building.
- B. Persons who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for domestic cooking outdoors at their residence or who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for domestic cooking outdoors in public parks. This exemption does not apply upon a declared public fire emergency by the State Department of Natural Resources.
- C. Persons who burn in a burning barrel. This exemption does not apply upon a declared public fire emergency by the State Department of Natural Resources.
- D. In an emergency, fires used to warm the person or to cook food.
- E. Fires set by the Fire Department for training purposes.

§ 84-4. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT.

- A. A permit shall be issued for the permitted use. The permit shall be issued by the Fire Chief or persons designated by the Fire Chief for the Town of St. Joseph prior to any person igniting a fire in the Town of St. Joseph. In addition to receiving the permit, the permit holder must follow the procedures as outlined in § 84-5 each time he/she wishes to ignite a fire.
- B. There are no daily permits issued. Each resident wishing to burn within the town must obtain a permit.

§ 84-5. NOTICE OF INTENT TO BURN.

- A. On the day the permit holder wishes to burn, the permit holder must call the St. Croix County Communication Center at 386-4701. The permit holder will be asked his name, the location of the burn and phone number. The permit holder may then burn.
- B. The permit holder must use this procedure each day the permit holder wishes to burn. The permit holder must not leave fires burning unattended.
- C. If there is a burning ban set by the Fire Chief at the time the permit holder calls, the St. Croix County Communication Center will advise that burning will not be allowed until the ban is lifted.

§ 84-6. REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

The Town Board or Fire Chief(s) of the Town of St. Joseph may revoke a burning permit, and no person shall be issued or reissued a burning permit in the Town of St. Joseph if the applicant or permittee:

- A. Fails to establish adequate fire protection and fire prevention activities at the requested or permitted burning location when established by the Town of St. Joseph as a condition to the permit.
- B. Fails to install or maintain adequate fire safety equipment during the requested or permitted use when established by the Town of St. Joseph as a condition to the permit.
- C. Fails to prevent burning activities that are not authorized by the permit of the Town of St. Joseph at the requested or permitted burning location.
- D. Fails to prevent at or near the requested or permitted burning location any burning activities larger than three feet in diameter within 15 feet of any fence or property line.
- E. Fails to allow physical access to the requested or permitted burning area location by the Fire Chief or designee for inspection purposes upon prior notice.

§ 84-7. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.

- A. The Town of St. Joseph prohibits any person from the igniting of any fires outdoors in the Town of St. Joseph upon days declared emergency fire days by the Fire Department or the State Department of Natural Resources.
- B. The Town of St. Joseph prohibits any person from igniting of any fires indoors in the Town of St. Joseph except in a stove, furnace or incinerator.
- C. A permittee shall report to emergency services any fire in the Town of St. Joseph where the fire is out of control.
- D. The permit holder is responsible for the fire at all times.
- E. The permit holder may ignite and maintain only one fire at a time.

§ 84-8. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; FEES.

- A. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or knowingly aiding or abetting another in the violation thereof shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture as set by the Town Board of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 per incident and the costs and attorney fees in prosecution, with each day in violation of this chapter constituting a separate offense subject to the provisions of Subsection D of this section.
- B. If a member of the Fire Department finds a resident burning without a permit, the resident will be required to extinguish the fire until a permit has been obtained following the procedures as outlined in § 84-2.
- C. If the Fire Department is called to any fire, the resident may be charged for the cost of the fire call as determined by the Fire Chief(s).
- D. The amount of forfeiture and costs shall be as set forth in Chapter 6, Citations, and shall be subject to annual review.
- E. Fees. There shall be no fee for the permit.

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