



Building Services Fire Pit Policy and Requirements

Effective August 11th 2021.

This memo shall serve to clarify fire pit installation requirements for the following appliances, installed within the City of Fort Collins.

Solid fuel burning (wood burning) permanent fire pits are not allowed in city limits per Municipal Code 5-110 which is an air quality ordinance enacted in 1991.

Gas-fired outdoor fire pits and fire rings are approved for installation within the City of Fort Collins provided they are installed in accordance with the adopted International Residential Code (IRC) & International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) and:

- A. A permit, inspection and final approval of the gas piping and the appliance is required.
- B. The gas line and appliance must be installed by the homeowner or a licensed plumber or HVAC contractor. A landscape contractor can't perform this work unless they have a licensed plumber or HVAC contractor on staff that is performing such work.
- C. The appliance is the flame assembly that controls the amount of natural gas to the burner and regulates the flames. This flame assembly must be an approved listed and labeled appliance and meet ANSI Z21.97 and be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- D. Clearance to other structures/combustibles must be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Where the manufacturer's clearances are not provided, the appliance shall be placed a minimum distance of 10 feet from structures/combustibles including 10 feet from a ceiling/roof above.
- E. The fire pit housing can be built around the approved flame assembly provided it does not modify or alter the flame assembly appliance. Example: concrete, stone, or brick pit built around the flame assembly.

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