PENN TOWNSHIP

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

BURNING APPLICATION & PERMIT

Name (Print): _____ Landowner: _____

Street/Burn Site Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Today's Date: _____ Burn Date: _____

☐ § 10-104 – **Contained Fire**

Contained fires shall not be permitted closer than 15 feet from any building, structure, and/or roadway with the exception of fires contained within properly operated cooking grills and barbecues and portable outdoor fireplaces. The use of cooking grills and barbecues and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

☐ § 10-105 – **Open Fire**

Open fires, other than recreational fires, shall not be permitted closer than 50 feet from any combustible material, building, structure, and/or roadway. Exception: The minimum required separation distance shall be 25 feet where the pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. For open fires where the pile size is greater than three feet in diameter and greater than two feet in height, a responsible adult shall contact Lancaster County-Wide Communications' non-emergency dispatch prior to the commencement of the open fire.

☐ § 10-106 – **Bonfire and Recreational Fire**

1. Bonfires and recreational fires shall be allowed to be kindled from dusk to dawn Sunday through Saturday provided that the following requirements are met:
   - A. All bonfires shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from any combustible material, building, structure, roadway, and/or property line. All recreational fires shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from any combustible material, building, structure, and/or roadway.
   - B. For bonfires only, proof of notification to the Fire Chief of the fire company providing fire service to the location of the bonfire shall be provided to the Township. The Township shall in turn issue a permit for the bonfire. A bonfire permit is valid for one bonfire only and the cost of said permit shall be set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

☐ § 10-107 – **Permit Required** (Check all that apply) [Ord. 2013-05, 11/25/2013, § 1]

A burning permit is required for all bonfires, applicable open fires, and all contained fires that occur at any time except as set forth in § 10-104. A burning permit is valid for one burn only and the cost of said permit shall be set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The following are exempt from permitting:

____ Contained fires set in accordance with §10-103 (see below) and §10-104 of this Part.

____ Fires set for the purposes of disposing of crop residue, brush, woody debris, shrubs, trees, and other natural vegetation consistent with agricultural, horticultural, land conservation maintenance and management practices conducted on a farm within any zoning district, or a non-farm parcel over 10 acres, in the T-1 Natural District, T-2 Agricultural District, T-3 Suburban District, T-4 Village District, T-5R Residential TND District, D-2 Quarry District, and D-3 Industrial District that meet the requirements of §10-103 (see below) and § 10-105 of this Part.

____ Fires set that are consistent with accepted agricultural, horticultural, and forest management practices to control insects, diseases, and other pests conducted [on] a farm within any zoning district, or a non-farm parcel over 10 acres, in the T-1 Natural District, T-2 Agricultural District, T-3 Suburban District, T-4 Village District, T-5R Residential TND District, D-2 Quarry District, and D-3 Industrial District that meet the requirements of § 10-103 (see below) and § 10-105 of this Part.

____ Fires set within a grill or barbecue used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions solely for the cooking of food.

____ Fires set within portable outdoor patio fireplaces used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

____ Recreational fires that meet the requirements of § 10-103 (see below) and 10-106 of this Part.

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____ Fires set for approved and permitted fire services training activities.

§ 10-103 – **General Regulations** [Ord. 2013-05, 11/25/2013, § 1; as amended by Ord. 2015-08, 12/14/2015, § 2]
The following shall apply to all burning whether contained or open regardless of purpose unless otherwise noted in this part:

A. Burning is permitted Monday through Saturday from dawn to dusk. Burning shall be prohibited on Sunday.
B. All fires shall be attended to at all times by a responsible adult with readily available means of extinguishing the fire.
C. No fire shall be set within a property's front yard.
D. All fires shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from side and rear property lines.
E. No fire shall be set, started, fed, permitted to burn or maintained where such fire, smoke, and/or by-products may interfere with the navigation of aircraft, or the safe travel upon any roadway or sidewalk.
F. All fires shall be extinguished thoroughly with no smoldering.
G. No fire shall be permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist or when a ban on burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or other competent governmental body. The Board of Supervisors may prohibit any and all fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
H. All fires regardless of purpose shall be prohibited from burning the following:
    1. Burning of common household garbage or rubbish. These items include, but are not limited to, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, crockery, masonry, and other similar items.
    2. Burning of construction debris, Styrofoam, aerosol cans, by-products of manufacturing and processing operations and wastes from commercial and industrial operations is strictly prohibited.
    3. Burning of any material listed as a designated recyclable item under § 20-104, the "Penn Township Recycling Ordinance" [Chapter 20, Part 1]. These items include clear and colored glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastics, newsprint, tires and white goods. White goods are defined as large appliances weighing more than 50 pounds.
    4. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit or encourage the burning of any substance determined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Environmental Protection Agency to be a "hazardous substance"; nor shall any fire be permitted to burn by any persons if such burning is in violation of the Air Pollution Control Act, 35 P.S. § 4001 et seq., or other legislation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States of America or any of their legislative agencies.
    5. Fires shall be used only to burn readily combustible materials.
I. No person shall ignite, launch or otherwise release any sky lantern within the Township.

§ 10-109 - **Extinguishing Unsafe Fires**. [Ord. 2013-05, 11/25/2013, § 1]
It is a violation of this Part for any person to allow any fire to burn under adverse weather conditions or unsupervised or otherwise in an unsafe manner or as an uncontrolled fire. Any person on a property where a fire is burning under adverse weather conditions, unsupervised or otherwise in an unsafe manner as an uncontrolled fire or otherwise in violation of this Part shall extinguish such outdoor fire immediately upon the request of the Code Enforcement Officer, a police officer, or any member of an authorized fire company which has been called to the property. Failure to extinguish such outdoor fire upon such a request is a violation of this Part. If no person is on such property or if such person refuses to or cannot otherwise extinguish the fire upon request of the Code Enforcement Officer, police officer, or any member of an authorized fire company, such Code Enforcement Officer, police officer or any member of an authorized fire company may take all appropriate action to extinguish the fire.

Signature _____ Date _____

☐ EXEMPT ☐ BURNING PERMIT APPROVED

The following must be completed by Penn Township personnel for this to be valid:

Zoning District:_____

Approval date:_____

Approving Personnel: _____

Email burn permit to: NLCRPD Date sent: _____