Jefferson County Fire District #2

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

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Purpose:

To establish outdoor burning guidelines and permit process for Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 2 in accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology and Olympic Regional Clean Air Authority (ORCAA) per R.C.W. 70-94 and WAC 173-425. It is the policy of Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 2 to minimize air contaminant emissions in a safe manner that is consistent with state laws.

Guideline:

CONDITIONS FOR LAND CLEARING AND RESIDENTIAL BURNING

1. This permit may be suspended, modified, or revoked at any time when deemed necessary for the protection of life, property, or air quality, or for violation of permit conditions.
2. At all times during burning, this approved permit must be on site and available for inspection.
3. A person capable of extinguishing the fire must be in attendance at all times. A fire is not extinguished until there is no visible smoke and no visible flame.
4. Only natural vegetation originating on the parcel may be burned. No burn pile may have a diameter greater than 20 feet.
5. The fire must not create a nuisance, obscure visibility on public roads, or endanger life and property through spread of fire or pollutants.
6. No fires are to be within 100 feet of structures, 500 feet of forest slash, or 50 feet of standing trees.
7. No land clearing or residential burning July thru September in accordance with Jefferson County Resolution #42-05. No burning in winds over 5 MPH or on foggy days. If DNR declares a MODERATE of HIGH fire danger index, no burning is allowed.
8. The permittee, by igniting a fire pursuant to this permit, accepts all responsibility for fire suppression costs incurred, or damage sustained, by any person or property. If the fire
escapes, regardless of cause, the permittee shall be responsible for paying for the people and equipment for fire suppression, as required by chapter 76.04 RCW

10. Land Clearing permits apply to piles of natural vegetation over 4x4x3 feet and no larger than 25x25x15 feet. Only one pile shall be allowed to be burned at any time.

11. To obtain a land clearing permit:
   a. Please call Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 2 Administration office at 360-765-3333 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to schedule an inspection of the burn site with a District member assigned to Inspections. Inspections must be scheduled at least two (2) business days in advance.
   b. Permits will be issued for 30 days at a cost of $100.00 with site specific regulations. A new permit will be required beyond the first thirty (30) day limit.
   c. Burn permits are available on website at: www.qvfd.org or at 61 Herbert St, Quilcene.

11. Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 2 must be notified at the start of every burn Day. Please call 360-765-3333 with your permit number and owner’s name and size of burn pile. Please leave message if no answer.

13. Burn piles up to 15x15 feet will need a tractor with a loader or excavator on site. Burn piles over 15x15 feet will require an excavator.

14. Provide a minimum of (1) one watch person in attendance at the fire while burning. The fires shall not be left unattended until it is completely extinguished and cold to touch. Your equipment operator may be this person.

15. Provide onsite water acceptable to the Inspecting Officer.

16. Provide (2) two shovels that can be used to extinguish flying brands.

17. Provide at least one fan, rated and operable at 6,000 cfm, at site to facilitate clean burning.

18. This permit may be canceled and/or the fire extinguished by this Fire District when deemed to be a nuisance and/or necessary for protection of life or property, pursuant to RCW 52.12.104. The permitted agrees to furnish sufficient personnel and equipment at his/her expense to suppress the fire if it escapes for any reason and pay this Fire District, or other approved firefighting agencies, for all reasonable expenses incurred in such suppression, pursuant to RCW 52.12.108.

RESIDENTIAL BURNING GUIDELINES – PERMIT NO REQUIRED

1. Only natural vegetation may be burned, no processed wood or debris of any kind.

2. Only one (1) residential burn pile 4x4x3 feet or smaller is allowed at any time. Larger piles are considered Land Clearing and require a permit. See Land Clearing section in SOG.

3. Burning is allowed from 8 AM to 4 PM; do not add any fuel to fire after 3 PM.

4. A shovel and connected water hose shall be on site and immediately available.

5. Metal burn barrels are not permitted.
PROHIBITED OUTDOOR FIRES

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or allow any outdoor fire that contains any of the following:
   a. Household garbage or trash (including paper and cardboard)
   b. Dead animals
   c. Asphalt
   d. Petroleum products
   e. Paints
   f. Rubber products
   g. Plastics
   h. Treated wood
   i. Construction/demolition debris
   j. Metal
   k. Any other substance, which normally emits dense smoke or noxious odors when burned

PENALTIES

1. Penalties may be assessed for violations of these rules. In addition, the Fire District may recover costs incurred during response, control, or extinguishments of an unlawful or out of control fire.

2. Property owner/contractor assumes responsibilities for damage to any structure, utility line/pole, tree/shrub, fence, and road/right of way or other public/private edifice by smoke, flying ash or flame, and accepts responsibility for any claimed adverse effects to the health of any person or persons in the path of said smoke/flying ash.

This SOG shall become effective March 10, 2014, and shall supersede and previous policy on the subject matter. This policy adopted in regular session:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/10/2014

FIRE CHIEF: [Signature] 3/10/2014
Land Clearing Burn Permit Application

Application - $100.00
Is your Property in a location where burning is still allowed?  YES  NO

Property Owner Name

Burn site Address____________________________________

Phone____________________ Fax____________________

Parcel Number
Parcel number can be obtained through the Jefferson County Assessor’s Office – Call 360-385-9105

Purpose of Burn____________________________________

Total Acreage of Parcel________ Acreage being Cleared____ #Pile(s) ______ Width____

Burn Operator Name/Business Name____________________

Mailing Address____________________________________

City________________________ State____ Zip____

Email (Legible)____________________

I do certify I am the owner, authorized agent of the owner, or authorized contractor for the property subject to this local application/permit. I authorize Jefferson County fire District 2 staff or representatives to enter the property listed in this application at reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the work that is the subject of this application/permit and to ensure compliance with permit conditions, applicable laws and regulations. I understand that granting of this permit by Jefferson County Fire District 2 does not authorize anyone to violate federal, state, or local laws or regulation pertaining to activities associated with this permit. I have read and will abide by the conditions set forth in this permit and any addendum thereto. I do certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information in this application and supplemental data is, to the best of my knowledge true, accurate, and complete. Call 360-765-3333 on days of burn

This permit /application is valid for 30 days from the signed date

Applicant Name________________________ Applicant Signature________________________ Date______________

FIRE CHIEF/INSPECTOR

Date application Received________________________ Payment Due: $100.00

[ ] Cash

[ ] Check #__________

[ ] Credit

Rec’d Date__________

DATE

[ ] Approved

[ ] Not Approved

Review Date:__________

Reviewed By:______________

Permit #__________

Permit Expiration:______________