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**ORDINANCE 17-010**

**"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION THIRTEEN-SIXTEEN (13-16), WITHIN CHAPTER THIRTEEN (13) OF ARTICLE THIRTEEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** THAT CHAPTER THIRTEEN (13), SECTION (16), OF ARTICLE 13 ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", SHALL BE CREATED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. Fire Pits, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, Barbecue Grilles, Chiminea, and Tiki Torches  
Fire pits, portable outdoor fireplaces/fire pits, chimineas and Tiki torches are allowed at single family dwellings or duplexes in North Providence without a permit (these are strictly prohibited at three family or multi-family dwellings).

B. The following guidelines shall be adhered to:

1. No person shall burn, or cause, or permit the burning of vegetation, leaves, wastes, or other combustible
2. A recreational fire (an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is contained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace/pit, and barbeque grill or barbeque pit) shall not be more than 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet high in dimension.
3. Portable outdoor fireplaces/pits shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 10 feet of the property boundary line, a structure or combustible material. Neighbors can agree with one another to reduce or waive the minimum distance.
4. Burning shall not be conducted when wind speed exceeds 15 mph.
5. Fuel for a recreational fire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood (dried at least six months) to minimize the generation of air contaminants.
6. The fire shall not be used for waste disposal purposes.
7. Any recreational burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate use.
8. The fire department shall prohibit burning which will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emission when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
9. The fire department shall order the extinguishment of recreational burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
10. Openings in outdoor fireplaces, permanent barbecues and grills shall be provided with an approved spark arrester, screen or door.

11. Smoke can be offensive to our senior citizens, small children and to those with allergies or asthma. If your fire is bothering a neighbor, the fire department can be called out to check to see if your smoke is offensive and can ask that you put out your fire.

**Section 2:** Nothing herein shall supercede the rules and regulations contained in either the State Fire Code or the NFPA 1, but shall be interpreted in conjunction with the State Fire Code and the NFPAL.

**Section 3:** Notwithstanding the provisions herein, the provisions herein shall not prohibit the North Providence Fire Department from authorizing, by permit only, certain bonfires under the guidance of the North Providence Fire Department and in accordance with the State Fire Code, local ordinances and the NFPAL.

**Section 4.** Any and all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of North Providence, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances which are not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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TOWN SOLICITOR

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK