

CITY OF HOYT LAKES PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance 152 includes a section on recreational fires. This section reads as follows:

152.131. Recreational Fires: Recreational fires are not permitted in any “R” District unless the following conditions can be met:

- a) No fire ban has been initiated by appropriate federal, state, or local authorities
- b) Only above ground fireplace type structures made of metal or other non-combustible material which are completely enclosed may be used. In R-1* areas metal fire rings are also permissible.
- c) The area of the fire, whether enclosed or in a fire ring, may not exceed three (3) feet in diameter, must be least twenty-five (25) feet from any structure, and cannot produce excessive smoke so as to be a nuisance to the other property owners.
- d) Fires will not be allowed to smolder with no flame present and only clean, dry wood may be used
- e) No fire will be permitted within twenty (20) feet in any direction of any above or below ground natural gas, electrical, cable television or other utility service line
- f) Mobile cooking devices such as charcoal grills, wood smokers, hibachis, and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as recreational fires.
- g) Recreational burning is prohibited between 12:00 a.m. midnight and 9 a.m.

*R-1 is Lakeview Addition; the majority of the City is R-3 where fire rings are not permitted. “R” districts are residential.

The Planning Commission and the City Council realize that these regulations greatly restrict the use of recreational fires in residential areas. However, the Commission and Council feel that the risk of property damage and the potential of creating a nuisance for adjacent property owners justify these restrictions. The public’s cooperation will be appreciated.

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