

**CHAPTER 7**

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**§101. Purposes.**

The purposes of this Part are to:

- A. Protect the air resources of the Borough of Beaver in order to:
  - (1) Preserve the health, safety and well-being of Borough residents.
  - (2) Prevent injury to plant and animal life and to property.
  - (3) Promote the comfort and convenience of the general public.
  - (4) Enhance the cleanliness and beauty of the community as a place to live and work.
- B. Regulate the disposal of garbage and other domestic refuse in a manner consistent with environmental protection and public health concerns.
- C. Restrict the production and emission of smoke, soot, fly ash, fumes and other particulate and gaseous products of combustion within Borough limits.
- D. Regulate the setting of fires within the Borough.
- E. Control the burning of refuse within the Borough in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Air Pollution Control Act (Act No. 787 of 1959, as amended).

(Ord. 537, 10/13/1970, §1; as amended by Ord. 686, 2/11/1997, §1)

**§102. Outside Burning by Commercial Businesses Prohibited.**

All outside burning by any commercial business is prohibited, but this prohibition shall not apply to any incinerator or furnace built within or constructed within a building, provided that the chimney of that incinerator or furnace extends beyond the roof level 10 feet higher than the highest adjoining building on the adjacent premises; and provided further, that the chimney has a wire screen or other top so constructed as to prevent fly ash from escaping. (Ord. 537, 10/13/1970, §2)

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### **§103. Outside Burning Restricted.**

1. Except as expressly permitted below, all outside burning of any material is prohibited.
2. Charcoal, wood or gas fires kindled for the purpose of outside barbecues are permitted.
3. Open fires may be set in the performance of official duties by any police officer or fireman of the Borough of Beaver if such fire is necessary for:
  - A. The prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated.
  - B. The protection of public health.
4. Campfire or ceremonial bonfires may be set, but only with prior approval of the Chief of the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department as to location, material, duration and required safety precautions.

(Ord. 537, 10/13/1970, §3; as amended by Ord. 539, 11/10/1970, §§1 and 2; by Ord. 592, 9/12/1978, §§1 and 2; by Ord. 621, 12/14/1983; and by Ord. 686, 2/11/1997, §1)

### **§104. Indoor Burning Regulated.**

Fireplaces and properly vented free-standing stoves within private residences are permitted for the purposes of providing heat or aesthetic enjoyment, but in no event shall garbage, rubbish or trash be burned therein. (Ord. 537, 10/13/1970; as added by Ord. 686, 2/11/1997, §1)

### **§105. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000; and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 537, 10/13/1970, §6; as amended by Ord. 621, 12/14/1983; and by Ord. 686, 2/11/1997, §1)