



Lafayette County
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BURN PERMIT REGULATIONS

SECTION 7 - GENERAL GRADING A. General grading, typical sections and centerline gradients shall be in accordance with construction plans, profiles and cross sections designed by the Developer's Engineer and approved by the Board. B. Areas to be graded by cutting or filling shall be rough graded to within one-tenth (0.1) of a foot of the accepted elevation after necessary allowance has been made for the thickness of topsoil, paved areas, and other installations. C. Final cross sections and profiles of streets and other installations shall conform to grades reviewed by the County Engineer as shown on the construction drawings provided for Preliminary Plat Approval. Elevations shall be based on mean sea level. D. Contractors, Builders and Developers wishing to burn trash or land clearing debris within any development, subdivision, apartment, commercial or condominium complex in the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County, Mississippi shall be required to obtain a "Burn Permit" from the Lafayette County Fire Department before any burning starts, in accordance with the following procedure: 1. In order to obtain a permit, the individual(s), organization, or business must contact the Office of the Building Inspector and complete an application for a Burn Permit. Upon completion of the application, the Office of the Building Inspector will contact the Lafayette County Fire Department. a. The Fire Department shall proceed to the location of the proposed burn site, inspect the area for hazards and insure compliance with the requirements as set forth by the County and DEQ. b. If the Fire Department is satisfied that all requirements are in order and that wind and weather conditions are suitable, then he/she shall issue a permit valid for the date/or dates of issue only. Permittees must also call the Fire Department the day before beginning the burn. 2. In the event Fire Department Officials determine that any burning as permitted constitutes a hazard or menace to the public safety or health, the permit holder will be notified of the determination and the permit shall be thereby rescinded and the fire extinguished by the permit holder. 3. Prohibited Burning: Commercial entities, developers, contractors and individuals are prohibited from burning construction debris of any kind, including roofing materials, lumber, felt paper, foam and synthetic and plastic materials. Construction debris and trash of this nature shall be removed from the premises by other means and in accordance with MDEQ regulations. 4. Burn Site and Permit Requirements: In order for the burn permit to be issued the following shall apply: 1. The permit applicant shall make written application on a form provided by the Lafayette County office of the Building Inspector. The application shall be accompanied with a fee of \$150. 2. The burn area and/or materials to be burned shall be located a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet from the nearest structure. 3. The proposed site of the burn shall be free from all overhangs including eaves, tree limbs, vegetation or other materials. 4. There shall be no high, thick or larger areas of weeds, vegetation or grass in the immediate area of the burn site which may ignite and endanger lives of persons, animals or structures. 5. Burn sites shall not be adjacent to or in near proximity to fuel storage tanks, storage facilities containing extremely flammable or explosive materials, or homes, buildings, Lafayette County

Land Development Standards and Regulations (Revision 2018-1) Page 43 of 68 or institutions known to house persons with respiratory ailments, i.e. asthma, emphysema, or day care facilities schools or medical facilities. 6. Sufficient water supply and hose must be readily available and easily accessible to the area and location of the burn. Hose and the nozzle shall be attached to the water supply at the burn site. 7. The burn site shall be attended at ALL TIMES by sufficient persons to manage and control the fire. 8. An approved blower shall be on site and operating during the burn process. 9. All D.E.Q., E.P.A. and other Governmental guidelines shall be followed at all times during the burning process. 10. All burning, as permitted, shall not exceed the time as allotted on the face of the permit and in no event may burning exceed three consecutive days without a renewal permit being issued by the Fire Department. Renewal permits will be issued without any additional fees. 11. Limited, small scale on site burning of non-prohibited materials (convenience burning) is allowed without a permit, provided that the burning is contained within a metal container no larger than 35 inches in height and 24 inches wide. 5. Enforcement: Anyone burning prohibited materials, burning without a permit or burning in a manner deemed non-compliant with the terms and scope of a permit shall be subject to any remedies, at law or in equity, available to Lafayette County and any person aggrieved thereby, and, in addition or in supplementation thereto, may be subject to any of the following administrative actions (1) cease and desist orders, (2) a fine of up to the amount of \$500 for each violation (each day of a violation shall be treated as a separate violation), (3) permit revocation, and/or (4) a stop work order on all construction activities of the permit holder and/or the developer or owner of the area on which the burning is taking place if deemed necessary in the discretion of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors and the Lafayette County Fire Department. 6. No burning shall be permitted when it is determined by the Lafayette County Fire Department that wind and/or weather conditions are not suitable or when a NO BURN ORDER has been issued by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, the U.S. or State Forestry Service.