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## **CHAPTER 2 – FIRE PROTECTION, PREVENTION, HAZARDS & FIRE LIMITS**

### **PROTECTION AND PREVENTION**

**2.101 Following Fire Equipment.** It shall be unlawful to follow any fire apparatus which is responding to a call, by automobile or any other vehicle, unless such is used for transporting firemen to the scene of fire, at a distance closer than one city block, or to pass such apparatus or to park within the same block in which fire is in progress.

**2.101.1 Following Fire Apparatus.** It shall be unlawful to follow by automobile, truck, bicycle or other vehicle, unless transporting Firearm to a fire in response to a fire alarm, closer than one block, or to pass, stop or park within the block in which the fire occurred for the duration of such fire.

**2.102 Interfering with Firemen or Fire Apparatus.** No person shall interfere with a fireman in the discharge of his duty, or hinder him in the performance of said duty; nor shall any person other than members of the fire department loiter about any fire station, or change, handle, or meddle in any manner with any fire engine or any other fire apparatus.

**2.103 Only Firemen and Policemen May Ride On Trucks Without Permission.** No person other than a bona fide member of the fire department shall mount any fire engine, wagon or apparatus before it leaves the station or while on its way to or from a fire, or at any other time, unless by permission of the driver or officer in command of such engine, wagon or other apparatus.

**2.103.1 Riding on Fire Apparatus.** It shall be unlawful for any person, except a member of the Fire Department, to ride on any truck, vehicle or apparatus of the Department, while going to or returning from a fire, except by permission of the Chief of the Fire Department.

**2.104 Interfering with Fire Alarm Apparatus.** No person shall interfere carelessly or willfully with the fire alarm system or injure the poles, wires, boxes, or other apparatus connected therewith.

**2.105 Giving False Alarm of Fire Forbidden.** No person shall give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the fire alarm system or otherwise.

**2.106 Protection of Fire Hose.** It Shall Be Unlawful For Any Person, Firm Or Corporation To drive over, or in any way damage or mutilate any fire hose while in the use at the fire or otherwise.

**2.106.1 Driving Across Fire Hose.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any stock or vehicle over or across fire hose while in use, or interfere in any manner with the work of Firemen, or to drive any vehicle close behind the fire truck while in practice or at work so as to endanger the Firemen, who drop from the running fire truck.

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**2.107** Tampering with or Using Fire Department Property. Repealed. (October 2011)

**2.107.1** Rules Governing Department and Practice. Repealed. (October 2011).

### **HAZARDS**

**2.201 Burning of Trash Prohibited.** In compliance with the N.C. Division of Air Quality (DAQ), no trash of any kind can be burned inside the town limits of Youngsville. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Garbage, paper and cardboard
- Tires and other rubber products
- Building materials, including lumber and wood scraps
- Wire, plastics and synthetic materials
- Asphalt shingles and heavy oils
- Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- Organic material such as leaves, branches, and other plant growth that is picked up by Town services.

See Ordinance 6.203 for the schedule on organic pickup.

**2.201.1 Bonfires Prohibited.** No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire, or knowingly furnish the material for such bonfire, or authorize such bonfire to be kindled or maintained on or in any street, avenue, road, lane or public ground, or upon any private lot within the town.

**2.202 Allowable Recreational Burning.** Allowable types of outdoor burning include an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace (fire pit), barbeque grill or barbeque pit, or campfire (with a maximum diameter of 3 feet and a maximum height of 2 feet for the fuel area). Allowable recreational fires are subject to the following:

Distance from Combustibles – Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Allowable Fuels – Burn only dry, well-seasoned firewood or similar clean burning wood. Land-clearing waste and/or refuse shall not be used as a fuel for a recreational fire.

Attendance – Fires shall be constantly attended until completely extinguished. A smoldering fire is not completely extinguished and should never be left unattended.

Means of Extinguishment – A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

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Failure to comply with any of the above restrictions will be considered a violation of the Town Ordinance and will be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 12 of this Ordinance.

- 2.203 Allowable Non-Recreational Burning.** The N.C. Division of Air Quality (DAQ), with approval, allows open burning on special occasions such as: training fire-fighting personnel; managing forest lands or wildlife habitats; controlling agricultural diseases and pests; and disposing of materials generated by natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados. Permission must be obtained by DAQ, N.C. Division of Forest Resources and the Youngsville Town Hall. These permits do not excuse a person from following the state's opening-burning rules. Failure to comply with any of the above restrictions will be considered a violation of the Town Ordinance and will be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 12 of this Ordinance along with the allowable fines from both DAQ and the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.
- 2.204 Encumbrance Before or On Fire Exit.** No person shall at any time, place any encumbrances of any kind whatsoever before or upon any fire escape, balcony or ladder intended as a means of escape from fire. It shall be the duty of every member of the police and fire department who shall discover any fire escape encumbered in any manner to forthwith report the same through his department channels to the Chief of the fire department, who shall immediately notify the owner or owners, their agent or agents, tenant or tenants, to remove such encumbrance and encumbrance shall thereupon be immediately removed.
- 2.205 Exit Signs in Theaters and Motion Picture Houses.** Every exit in any theater or motion picture house shall be plainly indicated by a sign bearing the word "Exit", which sign shall be kept lighted throughout each performance.
- 2.206 Passageways in Places of Public Assemblage To Be Kept Open, Exit Doors Not Be Fastened.** All doors, aisles and passageways within and leading into or out of the theaters, churches and all other places of public assemblage, shall, during the entire time which any show, performance, service, exhibition, lecture, concert, ball or other assemblage may be held therein, be kept adequately lighted and free from easels, signs, standards, campstools, chairs, sofas, benches and any other article or articles that might obstruct or delay the exit of the audience, congregation or assemblage; and doors of such buildings while occupied shall not be fastened so that they cannot easily be opened by anyone from within. No persons shall sit or stand or remain seated or standing, nor shall the owner or operator of such place allow any person to remain, in any such place of public assemblage in any aisle under any circumstances or in any exit, or passage required for the safe exit of the assemblage. Clear passage from all exits and on outside sidewalks of all theaters and other places of public assemblage shall be maintained at all times. No aisle, passageway or stairway in any store shall be obstructed with tables, show cases or other obstructions during the hours such store is open to the public.
- 2.207 Lots Kept Free from Fire Hazard.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or suffer rubbish, refuse or articles or combustible or inflammable nature to accumulate or remain on any lot or premises.
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## **FIRE LIMITS**

### **2.301 Description.**

- (a) The following is hereby constituted and known as Fire District No. 1 of the Town of Youngsville: All territory lying within 150 feet of Main Street or either side thereof between College Street on the West end of Main Street and Nassau Street on the East end of Main Street. Within the foregoing limits no wooden building shall be built, placed, constructed, or removed from one place to another nor any material be used in the construction, alteration, or replaced, of any outside walls, except stone or brick, nor shall any wooden addition, or additions, with other than stone or brick be made to any building, nor shall any new building or buildings be constructed with any wooden materials.
- (b) In addition to fire district No. 1, as hereinbefore set out, the following area, is hereby constituted Fire District No. 2 of the Town of Youngsville, and shall begin at the edge of Fire District No. 1; and shall extend from College Street on the west end of Main Street and extend to Nassau Street on the east end of the said Main Street said No. 2 Fire District shall begin 150 feet on either side of Main Street that both in a northwardly and southwardly direction and from north and south edge of Fire District No. 1 and extend 355 feet in either direction. In the said Fire District No. 2 all of the restriction wherein before set out as to Fire District No. 1 shall apply except the foregoing restriction shall not apply to any dwelling house to be constructed in the said No. 2 Fire District.

#### **2.301.1 Amendment to Fire District.**

- (a) The following is hereby constituted and know as Fire District No. 1 of the Town of Youngsville: All territory lying within 150 ft. of Main Street or either side thereof between College Street on the West end of Main Street and Nassau Street on the East end of Main Street. Within the foregoing limits no wooden building shall be built, placed, constructed, or removed from one place to another nor any material be used in the construction, alteration, or replaced, of any outside walls, except stone or brick, nor shall any wooden addition, or additions, with other than stone or brick be made to any building, nor shall any new building or buildings be constructed with any wooden material.
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(c) It is further herein set out and enacted that no construction or alteration of any kind or description shall be made in either of the above set out fire district; without a building permit, and full compliance with ordinance no. governing construction in the Town of Youngsville.

Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars, and five dollars per day additional for each day said building stands.

**2.302 Regulations within Fire Limits.** No construction or alteration of any kind or description shall be made in either of the above set out fire districts without a building permit, and full compliance with ordinances governing construction in the Town of Youngsville.