

Burt Township

Ordinance Number 01 of 2022

An Ordinance to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Article VI: General Provisions, Section 6.04.3, Additional Permitted Accessory Structures, pertaining to Fire Pits, Decks, and Patios.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BURT HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Article VI

Article VI. General Provisions, Section 6.04.3, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6.04.3 – Additional Permitted Accessory Structures

3. Fire Pits, Decks, and Patios

- A. For purposes of this subsection 3, a fire pit surround area shall be defined as the area surrounding a fire pit intended to prevent fire from spreading and to provide a space for enjoyment of a fire pit.
- B. Non-waterfront lot. A fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio shall be permitted in any non-waterfront residential district in compliance with required district setbacks. Any fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio exceeding two hundred (200) square feet shall require a zoning permit from Burt Township.
- C. Waterfront lot. A fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio may be permitted in any waterfront residential district under the following restrictions:
 1. For purposes of this subsection 3 C, a fire pit shall be defined as a dug out or depressed area in the land, lower than ground level, in which wood or wood byproducts, natural gas, or propane are burned.
 2. Outside the 75-foot lakeside setback requirement: A fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio shall be permitted in compliance with the remaining district setbacks. Any fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio exceeding 200 square feet shall require a zoning permit from Burt Township.
 3. Within the 75-foot lakeside setback requirement: A fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio may be permitted in compliance with remaining district setbacks with the following restrictions:
 - a) All new or reconstructed fire pits with surround area, decks, or patios will require a zoning permit from Burt Township.
 - b) A fire pit with surround area, deck, or patio shall not be located within 25' of the high-water mark, as determined by the Township Zoning Administrator.
 - c) A fire pit shall not exceed fourteen (14) square feet.
 - d) A fire pit shall not exceed a height of one (1) foot above the low point of natural grade.
 - e) All material utilized to construct a fire pit surround area shall allow proper, natural drainage. Non-porous, solid materials (example: concrete or asphalt) shall not be allowed.
 - f) A fire pit surround area shall be sloped for drainage to the far side from any waterfront.

- g) Lots with one hundred (100) feet of frontage or less: may construct a fire pit surround area not to exceed one hundred forty-four (144) square feet with no side exceeding twelve (12) feet in length.
- h) Lots exceeding one hundred (100) feet of frontage: may construct a fire pit surround area not to exceed two hundred twenty-five (225) square feet with no side exceeding fifteen (15) feet in length.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

By: _____
Harold Koviak, Supervisor
Adoption date: _____

By: _____
Christy Kozlowski, Clerk
Effective date: _____