



APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL BURNING PERMIT

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PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY OWNER / APPLICANT	
STREET ADDRESS OF LOCATION FOR BURNING <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 60%; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	
Name of Property Owner:	Address:
Phone No.: Mobile Phone No.:	Email Address:
Name of Applicant if other than Owner:	Address:
Phone No.: Mobile Phone No.:	Email Address:
REASON FOR OUTDOOR BURNING: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> 1) Recreational – use of commercial fire stove, fire pit, or grill; or approved constructed fire stove, fire pit, or grill required. Campfires for food preparation are allowed. Permit application is required. 2) Farming – the farm must meet the requirements of a commercial farming enterprise as set forth in the Joint Zoning Ordinance of Lower Alsace Township (Article 2, Section 202). Permit application is required. 3) Public Safety – fire and police personnel for the purpose of firefighting training, for the protection of public health, or for the prevention of a fire hazard. No application is required. </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Sketch of Property showing location of burning must be attached and submitted with this application</p>	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS / INITIAL ALL: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety – Fires MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES . Fire extinguisher equipment must be available for immediate use. All patio burners must be used with industry approved spark arresters. If permit holder fails to comply with any term or condition of the permit, and as a result of that failure a fire department is required to suppress a fire, the permit holder is liable for the cost of fire suppression and is subject to fines. <input type="checkbox"/> Location of Burning – Outdoor Patio Stoves, Chimineas, or Factory built metal novelty stoves must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and SHALL NOT be operated within fifteen (15) feet of any structure and must be AT LEAST five (5) feet from any property line. All approved burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Outdoor open fires (permitted under Reasons (2) and (3) only) must be at least one-hundred fifty (150) feet from structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Burning – Outdoor burning, other than those permitted above, is NOT permitted. No materials other than those stated above are to be burned. Prohibited materials for burning include household municipal waste, books, magazines, newspapers, cardboard and/or any items that are required to be recycled in Lower Alsace Township under the Pennsylvania Act 101, including leaf waste and scrap lumber or any vegetation, plywood, drywall, plastic products, insulation material, upholstered furniture, garbage, dead animals, human and animal excrement, human and animal hair, rubber products including tires, hydrocarbon products or flammable liquids, asphalt or tar shingles or roofing materials, bedding, foam rubber, nylon, rayon, cotton, wool, polyester or synthetic material, insulation from copper or other wiring, solid waste and/or construction waste as defined by the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act and 25 PA Code 271.1. <input type="checkbox"/> Burning/Permit Suspension – Township Fire Code Officials, Code Enforcement Officers, or Police Officers may immediately suspend, or revoke permitted burning when smoke, smell, and/or ash emissions are or may be objectionable, offensive or deleterious to human or animal health or permeates or crosses neighboring properties, and/or falls on buildings, vehicles, or vegetation. Permitted burning may also be suspended when extreme dry conditions or drought warrant a ban on all burning. Permits may be revoked for the protection of life or property or to prevent or abate the nuisances caused by such burning (a nuisance may be defined as ash fallout or smoke accumulation in the area or residential occupancies). </div>	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/OWNER: <p>I hereby certify that I am the PROPERTY OWNER/AGENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNER that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I am authorized to make this application, and voluntarily consent to allowing the Lower Alsace Township Fire Code Official and/or Code Enforcement Officer to upon notification enter the above-described premises to conduct an inspection of the property as related to the permit being applied for. Approval of this permit application does not relieve the Owner/Applicant from complying with any restrictions specified in Township Ordinances.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 60%;">Signature of Property Owner/Applicant: _____</div> <div style="width: 35%;">Date: _____</div> </div>	

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWNSHIP STAFF

STREET ADDRESS OF LOCATION FOR BURNING

Sketch Attached? Yes ☐ No ☐ Minimal Distances shown? Yes ☐ No ☐ All acknowledgements initialed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Application is:

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Approved

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Denied

Reason for Denial:

BURN PERMIT NUMBER: _____ **PERIOD OF REGISTRATION:** _____ **Thru** _____

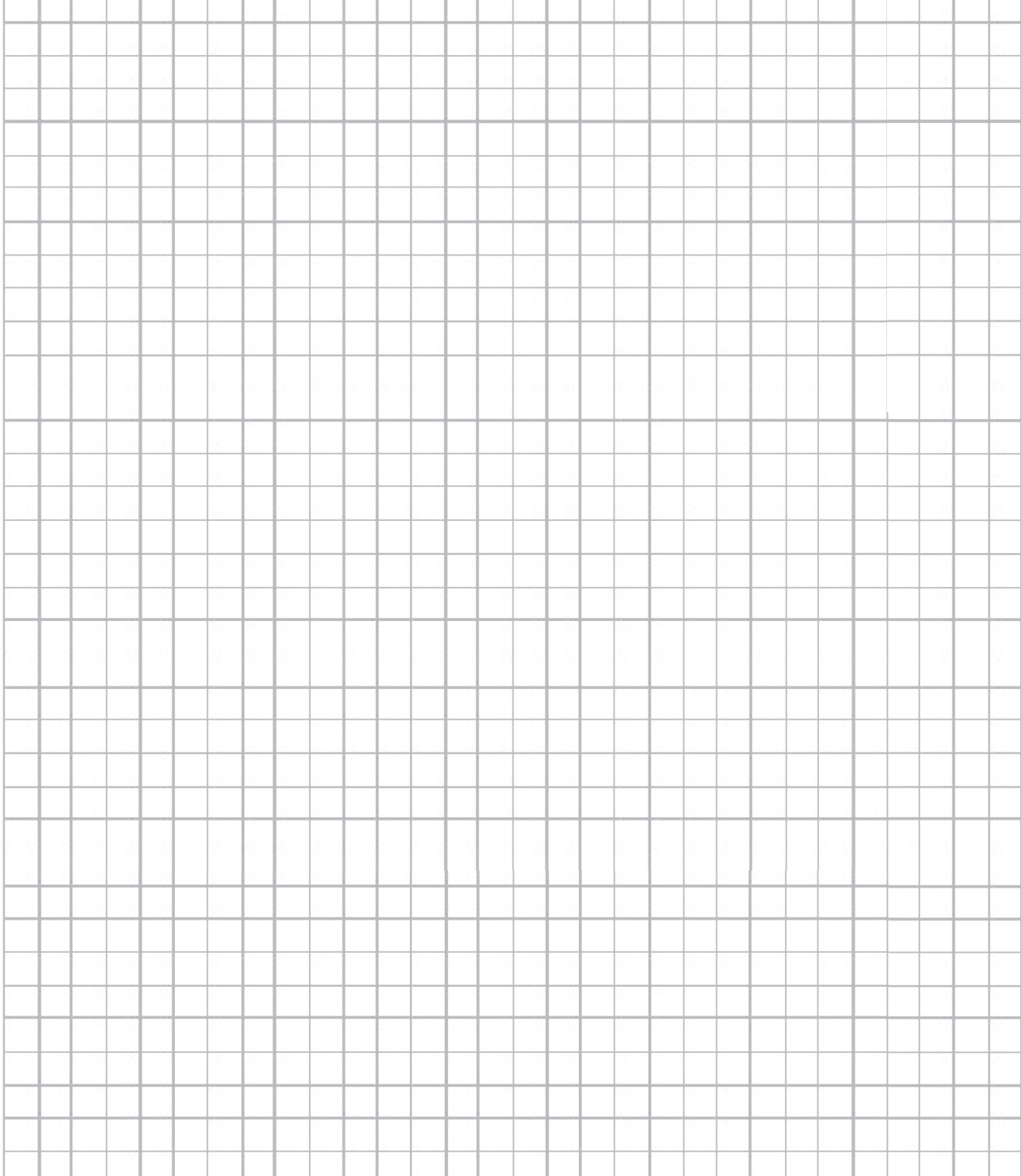
TOTAL PERMIT FEE DUE: \$ _____

Paid by: _____ Method of Payment: _____ Check No.: _____ Date Paid: _____

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY OWNER / APPLICANT

(All permitted burning must be at a minimum of five (5) feet from property lines and fifteen (15) feet of any structures

Sketch of Property (Show Location of Area for Burning)



Property Lot size can be found by accessing Parcel information found at:
<https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/GIS/Pages/ParcelViewerInfo.aspx>



ANNUAL BURNING PERMIT INFORMATION

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Thank you for applying for this annual Permit!

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, memories are made, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Anyone who has felt the warmth of a fire and enjoyed its friendly light knows that fire is not always a devastating blaze. Most people are careful with fire and Lower Alsace Township continues to strive to keep its residents safe. FACT – Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year!

Please complete the attached Burning Permit application – complete all sections of this application, including a sketch depicting where the burning will take place on the property. This sketch should show the approximate distances from structures and property lines. The burning location must be at least five (5) feet from property lines, and at least fifteen (15) feet from any structure, twenty-five (25) feet is recommended. The fires must be contained (fire rings, fire dish, chiminea, outdoor stove, patio burners, etc.). Open fires are not permitted, except by commercial farmers or firefighters and police in the line of duty. Keep burning away from dry leaves, sticks, overhanging low branches and limbs, and overhead wires. Please note, Township Officials may inspect your property to ensure the burning location is consistent with the above-described restrictions.

There are materials that are prohibited from being burned. Prohibited materials for burning include:

household municipal waste, books, magazines, newspapers, cardboard and/or any items that are required to be recycled in Lower Alsace Township under the Pennsylvania Act 101, including leaf waste and scrap lumber or any vegetation, plywood, drywall, plastic products, insulation material, upholstered furniture, garbage, dead animals, human and animal excrement, human and animal hair, rubber products including tires, hydrocarbon products or flammable liquids, asphalt or tar shingles or roofing materials, bedding, foam rubber, nylon, rayon, cotton, wool, polyester or synthetic material, insulation from copper or other wiring, solid waste and/or construction waste as defined by the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act and 25 PA Code 271.1

Attend to the fire at ALL TIMES. Keep fire extinguisher equipment available for immediate use (fire extinguisher, water hose, buckets of water, or shovels for dirt and sand to put out the fire, etc.). A fire left alone even for a few moments can grow into a larger damaging fire. Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids. Watch children while the fire is burning, never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.

Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry. Township Fire Code Officials, Code Enforcement Officers, and Police Officers may immediately suspend, or revoke permitted burning when smoke, smell, and/or ash emissions are or may be objectionable, offensive, or deleterious to human or animal health, or permeates or crosses into neighboring properties, and/or falls on buildings, vehicles, or vegetations. Permitted burning may be suspended when extreme dry conditions or drought warrant a ban on all burning.