

## Current Rule F with Proposed Changes (in Red).

### F. Prevention of Fires and Smoke Pollution

Island property is particularly susceptible to damage from uncontrolled fires because of our extensive wooded areas and limited fire protection facilities. Therefore, it is extremely important that proper precautions be taken with any fire on the Island, especially open fires, including but not limited to adherence to the following Rules.

**Violation of any Rule in this subsection is a Class A violation.**

**F-1** Everyone must comply with all requirements and restrictions on open fires imposed by the State of Washington and Pierce County. Note: This information can be obtained by calling the Fire District No. 16 headquarters at Key Center at (253) 884-2222, or from the following websites:

Key Peninsula Fire Department - [www.keypeninsulafire.org](http://www.keypeninsulafire.org)  
Pierce County Fire Marshal -  
[www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/fireprev.htm](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/fireprev.htm)  
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency – [www.pscapca.org](http://www.pscapca.org)

**F-2** Everyone must comply with all additional requirements and restrictions imposed by the Board during critical fire danger conditions. Note: Given the special conditions and inaccessibility of the island, the Board has the authority to declare, and later rescind, a burn ban that is more strict than one imposed by the State or County. In fact, the Island may be subject to a burn ban even if the rest of Pierce County does not have a burn ban in effect.

The Board may declare restriction levels based on color: Yellow (medium risk), Orange (high risk), and Red (very high risk). Restrictions on burning may include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Medium Risk (Yellow)

- Wood fire pits allowed
- North Beach Fire Pit allowed
- Gas and propane barbeques, self-contained camping stoves, and fire pits allowed
- Fireworks permitted on the Fourth of July at North Beach
- Burning of Yard Debris restricted
- Charcoal Barbeques restricted
- Torches restricted

### High Risk (Orange)

- Gas/propane barbeques, self-contained camping stoves, and fire pits allowed
- Wood fires, including fire pits, restricted
- Charcoal barbeques restricted
- Torches may be restricted
- Fireworks on the Fourth of July restricted
- All restrictions from Medium Risk (Yellow) list apply

### Very High Risk (Red)

- No open flames of any type allowed
- No Fireworks on the Fourth of July if in effect
- All restrictions from Medium Risk (Yellow) and High Risk (Orange) apply

The Board may declare restrictions based on color: Yellow (medium risk), Orange (high risk), and Red (very high risk). Restrictions on burning may include, but are not limited to, the following:—

- a. Yard Debris (including leaves, grass, nuisance vegetation)
- b. Beach Fires
- c. Charcoal Barbeques
- d. Gas/Propane Barbeques and Camp Stoves
- e. Wood Fire Pits
- f. Gas/Propane Fire Pits
- g. North Beach Fire Pit
- h. Torches
- i. Fireworks on the Fourth of July

**F-3** Any necessary fire permits must be obtained from Pierce County Fire District No. 16 prior to initiating an open fire.

**F-4** All open fires must have a person present at all times, be within hose reach of a water source, and be completely extinguished (such as doused with water) before leaving the immediate area.

### **F-5 FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED ON HERRON ISLAND.**

*Exception:* Legal fireworks are permitted at the designated area at the North Beach Park between dusk and midnight on the Fourth of July only.

**F-6** Fires are prohibited on South Beach and at the South Beach Park. Open fires are prohibited in other Island parks and other Common Areas unless specifically

authorized in advance by the Board or the Island Manager or when confined to the community fire pit at North Beach Park.

**F-7** Fires shall not be maintained in any manner that creates a smoke nuisance for any person (i.e., “smoking out” one’s neighbor). If any person directly affected by smoke coming from a fire complains to the person responsible for starting or maintaining the fire, the responsible person must immediately extinguish the offending fire.