

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW 2272 FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATIONS BYLAW

WHEREAS a Municipal Council may make regulations in respect of the use and risk of fire;
NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council for the City of Merritt, in open meeting assembled,
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Citation

1.1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the “Fire and Safety Regulations Bylaw No. 2272, 2019”.

2. Repeal

2.1. “City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulations Bylaw No. 1905, 2005” is hereby repealed.

3. Applicability of Law and Fire Codes

3.1. The British Columbia Fire Code Regulations, Fire Services Act, and National Fire Protection Association Codes, and all amendments thereto are applicable within the City of Merritt, in conjunction with this bylaw.

4. Formatting

4.1. Headers and sections are included in this Bylaw to aid with readability and are not to be considered as restricting or confining the meaning of the text.

5. Definitions

5.1. In this bylaw,

"Building" means any structure used or intended to be used to support or shelter any use or occupancy.

"Community Event" means a special occasion event to which the public is invited.

"City" means the City of Merritt.

"Council" means the duly elected council of the City of Merritt.

"Department" means the City of Merritt Fire and Rescue Department.

"Designate" means a person appointed by the Fire Chief to act in the place of the Fire Chief, with all the powers and responsibilities of the Fire Chief.

"Fire Chief" means the person appointed by the Council as the Fire Chief of the Merritt Fire and Rescue Department, and any Deputy, Officer, or Member authorized by the Fire Chief to act on their behalf.

"Fireworks" means consumer fireworks within category F.1 of the Explosives Act.

"Inspector" means the Fire Chief or any person authorized by the Fire Chief to conduct inspections authorized by this Bylaw, and Federal or Provincial law.

"Incident" means an event or emergency attended by the Department for the purpose of saving property or life.

"Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner" has the same meaning as in the Fire Services Act.

"Natural Fuels" means grasses, untreated wood, tree stumps, and any material that has not been created or altered through manufacturing or chemical means.

"Officer" means any Member appointed to a position of Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Training/Prevention Officer or Safety Officer, and includes any employee of the Ministry of Forests (while enforcing this Bylaw).

"Parcel" has the same meaning as in the Subdivision bylaw.

"Permitted Burning Materials" means dry seasoned firewood or charcoal briquettes only.

"Prohibited Burning Materials" means domestic, commercial, demolition, renovation and construction waste materials, that are not permitted to be burnt, including but not limited to:

- wooden pallets
- dimensional lumber; including pressure treated lumber
- waste lumber ends
- tires
- plastics
- drywall
- demolition waste
- paint
- tar paper
- railway ties
- treated posts
- leaves, grass and grass cuttings
- manure
- rubber
- rubbish or refuse of any type
- asphalt and asphalt products
- fuel and lubricant containers
- biomedical waste

"Public Works Manager" means the person appointed to that position by the Council, and any person authorized by the Public Works Manager to act on their behalf.

"Ritual" means a singular rite or event, usually religious, such as a funeral or wake.

"Sky lantern" means any kind of small balloon with an opening to allow a fire to be inserted, which causes the lantern to rise, but does not mean a hot air balloon equipped with a basket capable of transporting people.

"Small Confined Fire" means an open-air fire which is lit, fueled, or used for the purpose of cooking food and /or to provide heat and light associated with camping or recreation.

"Small Confined Fire Permit" means a permit issued in accordance with (SCFP).

"Tiki torch" means a stick of wood where one end is intended to be lit on fire to provide light, heat, or illumination above the height of a human knee, and the other end is intended to be held, or inserted into the ground.

"Ventilation Index" or "Venting Index" means the index published by the BC Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change to determine whether or not open burning is permitted in particular zones.

6. Severability

- 6.1. If any section of this Bylaw is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that section shall be severed, and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Bylaw.

7. Incidents

- 7.1. If an Incident arising from a fire, fire hazard, toxic chemical spill, or risk of explosion causes the Member in command to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, or of a panic, he may order the evacuation of a Building or area, and may call upon the police to assist and provide security to the evacuated area.
- 7.2. No person may damage or destroy Department equipment.
- 7.3. No person may drive a vehicle over any Department equipment without permission of the Fire Chief, or the Member in charge.
- 7.4. No person may impede the work of the Department responding to any Incident. Any person who fails to comply with the orders or instructions of an Officer of the Department engaged, or about to be engaged, in responding to an incident, may be forcibly removed from the scene by a police officer, or Member of the Department.
- 7.5. No person may refuse to permit a member of the Department to enter into or upon any property for which an alarm of fire has been received, or for which such Member has reasonable grounds to suspect that a fire exists.
- 7.6. Where the Fire Chief or his Designate deems it necessary to access an Incident, or to protect any persons or property, the Department's personnel and equipment are hereby authorized to enter or pass through any Buildings or property.

- 7.7. The Fire Chief or his Designate may authorize the destruction of any real or personal property he deems it necessary in order to prevent spread of fire or to prevent damage to persons or property or loss of life.
- 7.8. The Fire Chief or his Designate shall have control, direction and management of all Merritt Fire and Rescue Department apparatus, equipment, or manpower assigned to an incident. Where a Member has control, he shall not leave the Incident until it ceases to require the attendance of the Department, or he is relieved by a Senior Officer.

8. Hazards

- 8.1. If the Fire Chief or his Designate believes that anything in a Building or yard is a fire hazard, or increases the danger of fires, and directs the owner or occupier to remove it, the owner or occupier must do so within seven days of receipt of notice.
- 8.2. If the Fire Chief or his Designate directs the owner or occupier of real property to clean a chimney or flue, or any other thing which in the opinion of the Fire Chief or his Designate increases the risk of fire, the owner or occupier must do so within seven days of receipt of notice.
- 8.3. The Fire Chief or his Designate is hereby authorized to enter any premises at reasonable times to inspect said premises for conditions which may cause a fire, or increase the danger of fire.
- 8.4. The Fire Chief or his Designate shall take responsibility for all fire protection matters, including the enforcement of the Fire Services Act and Regulations, and shall assume the responsibilities of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
- 8.5. The Fire Chief shall take all proper measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires, and for the protection of life and property, and shall enforce all municipal bylaws respecting fire prevention, and exercise the powers and duties imposed on him by this Bylaw, and any Provincial Act or Regulation.
- 8.6. No person may impair access to the exit of a building to which the public have access by sitting, standing, or loitering in the aisles, passages, halls, and stairways. The owner, or occupier of the real property in question shall be liable for any breaches of this section.
- 8.7. When a person or company damages a utility causing a Department response, and they did not first contact the utility to obtain a line location, the City shall bill the person or company responsible according to schedule "A".

9. Fireworks

- 9.1. All manufacture, storage, transportation, and sale of Fireworks shall conform to the Explosives Act, and Explosives Regulations, and all amendments thereto.
- 9.2. Only Fireworks within category F.1 of the Explosives Regulations may be offered for sale within the City of Merritt.
- 9.3. No Fireworks may be offered for sale or used except between the dates of October 16 and November 1st in each year. The sale or use of fireworks outside these days may be permitted with the written authorization of the Fire Chief.
- 9.4. Under no circumstances may Fireworks be directly or indirectly sold, given, or furnished to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

10. Address Identification

- 10.1. All buildings or structures situated on any lot or parcel of land within the municipal boundaries shall be properly identified with numbers facing the City road which accesses the property, indicating their City address as designated by the City of Merritt.
- 10.2. All address numbers in the City of Merritt shall be a minimum of 15cm high, with a 1cm stroke in contrasting colours to the base colour of the building or structure. Address numbers shall not be obstructed by shrubs, trees, beams, or any other material that would impair quick and easy identification.

11. Hydrant and Water Supply Systems on Private Property

- 11.1. Fire hydrants may only be used by the Department. No other use of hydrants is permitted, except for inspection and repairs as authorized in this bylaw, or otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or Public Works Manager.
- 11.2. All water supply systems on private property shall conform to City specifications, and must meet flow and pressure requirements sufficient for the purpose of fighting fire, as determined by the Fire Chief and Public Works Manager.
- 11.3. In order to meet the requirements of this section 11, the design and installation of any new water system or hydrant must be supervised by a professional engineer, and the plans for any new water system must be approved by the Fire Chief and Public Works Manager before any work may commence.
- 11.4. Any Buildings under construction:
 - (a) must be accessible by roads that can provide access for Department apparatus.
 - (b) must have water supplies installed as soon as is practical and notify the Department of this installation for inspection purposes.

- 11.5. All industrial operations shall install a sufficient number of fire hydrants, and a water supply with sufficient pressure and quantity to meet the probable fire suppression needs of the site, as determined by the Fire Chief.
- 11.6. At any time, the owner or occupier of real property must inform the Department if they are conducting any construction, servicing or repairs that could affect fire safety, such as activities leading to hydrants being temporarily out of service, or the reduction of water volume or pressure.
- 11.7. Anyone who installs or repairs a fire hydrant must inform the Department, so that such hydrants can be tested and approved.
- 11.8. The owner or occupier of any property with a fire hydrant must cover that hydrant with burlap or black polythene plastic sheeting at any time it is non-operational.
- 11.9. Anyone installing a fire hydrant must paint it in accordance with the paint schedule set out by City of Merritt policy.
- 11.10. The owner or occupier of real property must ensure that fire hydrants are kept clear of ice, snow, shrubs, trees, structures and other obstructions, and that their locations are clearly identified.
- 11.11. At least once a year the owner or occupier of real property containing a hydrant shall arrange for it to be inspected for flow and pressure, and shall supply the results of that information to the Department. If the inspection identifies repairs that are needed to the hydrant, the owner or occupier shall arrange for these to be performed, and shall inform the Department when it has been done.
- 11.12. If an owner or occupier of real property fails to inform the Department of the annual inspection as required, or fails to make any repairs required within seven (7) days, the Department will arrange for the inspection or repairs to be made, at the owner or occupier's expense. Any such expense remaining unpaid on December 31st in any year shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.

12. Fire-Damaged Buildings

- 12.1. The owner or occupier of any building that has been damaged by fire shall ensure that the premises are guarded or that all entries and openings are securely closed and fastened so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.
- 12.2. If the owner fails to provide the necessary security in a reasonable time, the Fire Chief may arrange to have the work performed at the owner's cost. Any charges remaining unpaid on December 31st in any year shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.

- 12.3. No person shall be liable to charges or penalties under section 12 if they can demonstrate to the Fire Chief that the only reason this security has not been arranged is that the local police, or the building's insurer, have instructed that the site should not be disturbed during their investigation.

13. Outdoor Fires

- 13.1. No open burning of any kind will be permitted during any period with the exception of the following:

- (a) Small Confined Fires and the use of Outdoor Fireplaces are permitted when allowed in the Kamloops Fire Centre, subject to the following:

- i. Small Confined Fires and Outdoor Fireplaces are not permitted on City-owned property. Small Confined Fires and Outdoor Fireplaces are only allowed on private property zoned Single Family Residential (R1) or Low Density Residential (R2), or Large Lot Residential (R8), or a campground with a valid business licence;
- ii. No fire may be lit unless a Permit has been issued for the parcel of land;
- iii. A one-year Small Confined Fire Permit for a particular parcel of land may be issued at the discretion of the Fire Department upon the filing at City Hall of an application form in the form of Schedule "D", the payment of a non-refundable \$25 fee, and a satisfactory inspection of the parcel of land by the Fire Department. For renewals of existing permits, the inspection may be waived at the discretion of the Fire Department;
- iv. No permit will be issued, and any existing permit will be revoked without refund, for any properties deemed "Nuisance Properties" within the parameters of the Good Neighbour Bylaw 2238, 2018, as amended from time to time. Permits shall be suspended without refund while any property is deemed "Unightly" within the meaning of the Good Neighbour Bylaw;
- v. Any open air fire must be contained within a non-combustible base and edging; Only Permitted Material may be burned, and only in one pile no larger than 0.5 meters in height, 0.5 meters in width and 0.5 meters in length;
- vi. The fire must be continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person equipped with extinguishing equipment and materials, who must ensure that any sparks, ash or cinders are prevented from igniting other combustible materials, and who must completely extinguish the fire before the person leaves the area. The fire must not create a nuisance to the neighbourhood or persons in the vicinity;
- vii. Any fire must be a minimum of 4 meters from buildings and property lines, and 3 metres from any combustible material;
- viii. Fires may only burn for a maximum of four hours per day, and between the hours of 6am and midnight;
- ix. A fire that causes a response by Merritt Fire Rescue Department and/or its Officers/Inspectors whether for emergency, nuisance service call (complaint) or

failure to provide proof of permit may be subject to cost recovery in conformance with Schedule "A" – Charge Out Fees;

- x. In spite of campfires being permitted in the Kamloops Fire Centre, the Merritt Fire Chief may declare all Fire Permits suspended without refund, if he deems it warranted by environmental conditions, for such time as he deems fit.

- (b) Barbeques, Outdoor Burning Appliances, Portable Campfire Apparatuses and similar may be used for food cooking purposes in the open air provided that the fuel used is charcoal, natural gas, propane, butane, or briquettes, if used in a safe manner and in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Any appliance or apparatus used under this provision must be certified to a Canadian or US Standard.

- (c) Open air burning of Permitted Materials may be allowed under special permit for community events or rituals, upon approval of an application made in accordance with Schedule "B".

- (d) Interface burning to prevent the spread of fire. This burning shall be permitted only on the prior approval of the Fire Chief in consultation with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and shall be supervised by the Fire Chief or his designate.
 - i. Only Natural Fuels originating from the location of the burn may be burned.
 - ii. Burn piles must be located at a distance of 50 meters from any structure or as designated at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
 - iii. Burning of spring cleanup materials and/or pruning debris is not permitted.
 - iv. Where in the opinion of the Fire Chief a significant interface fire hazard exists on a private property and where all other avenues for removal of the hazardous fuels have been exhausted, the Fire Chief may grant the property owner permission for open burning subject to conditions specified by the Fire Chief through issuance of a permit as set out in Schedule "C". Any such burning undertaken by the property owner shall be solely at the property owner's own risk and expense.

- (e) The Fire Chief may grant the occupier of property zoned AR1 (Agricultural) permission for open burning subject to the issuance of a permit as set out in Schedule "C". The owner of the property must conduct the open burning in accordance with the Ministry of Environment Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, only when the Ventilation Index is predicted to be GOOD (55-100) over a 24-hour period, under the supervision of the Fire Chief and any such burning shall be solely at the property owner's own risk and expense.

- (f) Fire Department training exercises on the prior approval of Council.

14. Every owner or occupier of property who starts or permits to be started any outdoor fire is responsible for such fire. If the fire is prohibited or the fire is not extinguished in accordance with the terms of any permit issued for the fire, or if in the opinion of the Fire Chief the fire presents a hazard or becomes out of control, the Fire Chief may summon the Fire Department to extinguish or control the fire and the owner or occupier shall pay the costs of the services

provided by the Fire Department within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from the City. Any charges remaining unpaid on December 31st in any year shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.

15. Prohibitions on Burning

- 15.1. For clarity, but not to limit anything in section 12, Sky Lanterns, Tiki Torches, and other forms of human-created fire not explicitly permitted, are prohibited in all circumstances.

16. Inspections

- 16.1. The Fire Chief or his Designate, Inspector, or Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services may at all reasonable hours enter into and upon any lands, premises, yards or Buildings, other than single family dwellings, for the purpose of inspecting or testing:
- (a) Buildings as required by the Fire Services Act.
 - (b) The access available for Department purposes
 - (c) Whether or not adequate supply and pressure of water is available for Department purposes
 - (d) Whether or not the requirements of this Bylaw are being carried out
- 16.2. Where an inspection determines criteria for correction, they shall be provided to the owner or occupier. Such corrections must be made within seven days that notice is received, and the Department informed, unless the Fire Chief or his Designate authorizes otherwise. If they are not, the Department will arrange for the inspection or repairs to be made, at the owner or occupier's expense. Any such expense remaining unpaid on December 31st in any year shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- 16.3. The Fire Chief, Inspector, or Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services may at all reasonable hours enter into and upon any land zoned Single Family Residential (R1) or Low Density Residential (R2) or Large Lot Residential (R8) for the purpose of inspecting property pursuant to a request for a Small Confined Fire Permit.
- 16.4. If the inspection determines corrections need to be made, they shall be provided to the owner or occupier, and the Small Confined Fire Permit shall not be issued. At any subsequent time, the owner may request a re-inspection. If the defects have not been remedied, or if additional defects are detected, the Small Confined Fire Permit application shall be refused, and a Small Confined Fire Permit may not be issued before a new application, including application fee, is filed.

17. Conduct During Inspections

- 17.1. No person may obstruct, hinder or prevent any authorized person from entering into or upon any land or building as authorized in this Bylaw.
- 17.2. The owner or occupier of any real property shall, upon request of a person authorized in this Bylaw, provide such assistance is required in carrying out an inspection.

18. Fire Safety Inspections for Purchase or Sale of Property

- 18.1. If a fire safety inspection is to be performed on real property for the pending purchase or sale of that property, the fee payable to the City shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). No inspection shall take place before the fee is paid.

19. Enforcement

- 19.1. Not to limit anything in this Bylaw, if the Fire Chief or his Designate determines that any person or building is not in compliance with this Bylaw, the Fire Chief or his Designate may make such orders or recommendations as he deems necessary to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.
- 19.2. Any such order or recommendation will be in writing, unless it relates to an active Incident being attended by the Department, in which case such order or recommendation may be given verbally.
- 19.3. Any order made under this Bylaw shall be served by delivering it in person to the person to whom it is directed, or by sending the order by registered mail to the last known address of the person to whom it is directed.

20. Penalties

- 20.1. Any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, or permits any act of thing to be done in violation of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do anything required by this Bylaw, shall be liable to penalties.
- 20.2. Any person who commits an offence under this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2000).
- 20.3. Each day an offence occurs shall be a separate offence.
- 20.4. Anyone who violates section 15 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 20.5. For breaches of section 15, each lantern, torch, or other form of unpermitted fire shall be a separate offence.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS

27th day of August, 2019

READ A SECOND TIME THIS

27th day of August, 2019

READ A THIRD TIME THIS

27th day of August, 2019

ADOPTED THIS

17th day of September, 2019

**Original signed by
Linda Brown,
MAYOR**

**Original signed by
Sean Smith,
CORPORATE OFFICER**



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Bylaw number 2272, Schedule "A"

City of Merritt, Fire and Rescue Department

Charge-out fees

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1. Where this bylaw states that rates shall be recoverable by the Department, the following rates shall apply:
 - 1.1. Manpower costs shall be the cost to city, with a minimum fee of two hours per member attending.
 - 1.2. Equipment and vehicles shall be charged at the rates in the British Columbia Interagency Working Group Report Reimbursement Rates.



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City of Merritt, Fire and Rescue Department

Burning Permit - Community Events & Rituals

Applicant's name (print): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of burn - From: _____ To: _____

Location of burn: _____

Purpose of burn: _____

Fire department office use

Fire Department conditions imposed: _____

Is Ministry of the Environment permission required? Yes/No \$10 fee paid? Yes/No

If permission is required: Received? Yes/No

Burning Permit approved? Yes/No Permit number: _____

Fire Chief (Sign & Date)

(1/2)

City of Merritt - Events & Rituals Burning Permit Conditions

1. An Open Burning Permit is for community events or Rituals and is subject to the approval of the Fire Chief or his designate.
2. Open burning is only permitted on private property unless through consent of Council.
3. No City property may be used other than by the City of Merritt or its agent.
4. Open burning is to be carried out by the property owner, tenant or an agent acting on behalf of the property owner. The owner/occupant or agent accepts all responsibility for any liability as a result of the fire.
5. Any person who causes or through inadvertence, allows a fire to get beyond control and requires the assistance of the Merritt Fire Rescue Department personnel shall be liable to a charge at cost for such assistance as specified in Schedule "A" of the Fire and Safety Regulations, as amended.
6. A competent person shall be in control of the fire until extinguishment.
7. Adequate appliances, equipment and personnel shall be provided by the permit holder so as to prevent the fire from getting beyond control.
8. Fires are to be extinguished or not started when wind and weather conditions are such that the fire becomes a hazard or creates a nuisance to surrounding properties.
9. Neighbors of adjoining properties are to be notified by the permit holder as to the times of the burn.

Conditions of fire:

- a) Fire area to be no larger than 1 metre by 1 metre.
- b) Fire to be kept a minimum of 3 metres to any house, tree, shrub or other combustible material.
- c) No burning in barrels or other appliances, the fire is to be on the bare ground in a shallow pit.
- e) Only seasoned wood or charcoal to be burned.

This permit can be revoked at any time with or without cause by The City of Merritt Fire Chief or Designate

I have read and fully understand the provisions of this permit and agree to all conditions:

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____



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City of Merritt, Fire and Rescue Department

Burning Permit - Interface Fuel Reduction Burning

Applicant's name (print): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of burn - From: _____ To: _____

Location of burn (include map) _____

Purpose of burn: _____

Ignition method: _____

Method to control flames: _____

Resources to limit/prevent escape of fire: _____

Is there a fuel break in place? Yes/No. If so, describe: _____

How will adjacent property owners be notified? _____

Fire department office use

Fire Department conditions imposed: _____

Fire Chief (Sign & Date)

The Interface Fuel Reduction Burning Permit may be issued only by the Fire Chief or his Deputy and is subject to immediate cancellation as weather, humidity or other conditions change.

Interface burning is only permitted on private property. No City property may be used other than by the City of Merritt or its agent(s).

Interface burning is to be carried out by the property owner, tenant or an agent acting on behalf of the property owner. The owner accepts all responsibility for any liability as a result of the fire.

Any person who causes or through inadvertence, allows a fire to get beyond control and requires the assistance of the Merritt Fire Rescue Department personnel shall be liable to a charge at cost for such assistance as specified in Schedule "A" of the Fire Regulations bylaw.

A competent person shall be in control of the fire until extinguishment.

Adequate appliances, equipment and personnel shall be provided by the permit holder so as to prevent the fire from getting beyond control.

Fires are to be extinguished or not started when wind and weather conditions are such that the fire becomes a hazard or creates a nuisance to surrounding properties.

Neighbors of adjoining properties are to be notified by the permit holder as to the times of the burn.

Conditions of fire:

- a) Fire to be kept away from from any house, structure or property line. Minimum distance to be prescribed by Department in ‘conditions’ on front page.
- b) Burns may only begin when in accordance with the Provincial Government Ventilation Index.
- c) No material is to be piled unless permission is granting in writing by the Fire Chief or Designate.
- d) Thorough knowledge of prescribed burning practices must be demonstrated by the applicant if requested by the Fire Chief or Designate
- e) Daylight hours only.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure “Optimum burning conditions” are present and likely to continue prior to starting any burns and extinguished immediately upon any indications that conditions are deteriorating.

I have read and fully understand the provisions of this permit and agree to all conditions.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____



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City of Merritt, Fire and Rescue Department

Burning Permit - Small Confined Fires

Applicant's name (print): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of burn - From: _____ To: _____

Location of burn: _____

Property Zone: _____ *Fires only permitted in R1, R2, and R8 Zones. Please confirm zoning for your property prior to paying the application fee at:

<https://www.merritt.ca/zoningmap.php>

Please also attach a map or sketch of property showing proposed fire location, and distances in metres to property boundaries and to structures.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of a Small Confined Fire. I agree that I may not light any fire before this application has been approved, and by filing this application, I am granting consent for an inspection by the City of Merritt Fire Department of my property.

I acknowledge that any permit granted following this application is only applicable from January to December of the year the permit is received.

(Signature): _____ (Date): _____

Application and fee received at City Hall on (Date): _____

Fire Chief's Approval: _____ (Date): _____

Property inspected on (Date): _____ OR WAIVED (Sign): _____