

LONG MEADOW RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OPEN OUTDOOR FIRES and OUTDOOR WARMING FIRES POLICY

OPEN OUTDOOR FIRES; CAMPFIRES; OUTDOOR WARMING FIRES

Yavapai County defines “open outdoor fires” as “fires used only for cooking of food or for providing warmth for human beings or the branding of animals or the use of orchard heaters for the purpose of frost protection in farming or nursery operations.”

Accepted Definitions of the term “campfire”

Merriam-Webster defines “campfire” as “a fire built outdoors (as at a camp or a picnic).”

MacMillan defines “campfire” as “a fire built outside by people who are camping.”

Cambridge defines “campfire” as “an outside fire which is made and used by people who are staying outside or in tents.”

Google defines “campfire” as “an open-air fire in a camp, used for cooking and as a focal point for social activity.”

The term “campfire” appears to further define “open outdoor fires” as being utilized in conjunction with temporary outdoor living, such a camping, or with the use of tents, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, etc.

LMRPOA CC&R’s, Article I, Section 1

1. ... All parcels shall be used for residential purposes only. The term “Residential” shall not include mobile homes, travel trailers or recreational vehicles; no mobile homes, travel trailers or recreational vehicles are allowed for residential purposes. All residences shall be constructed on-site and shall be of conventional construction. ...

LMRPOA CC&R’s, Article I, Section 8

8. All fireplace chimneys and outlets from stoves, heating appliances, outside fire boxes must be protected from spark by capping or screening. No campfires are allowed.

The preclusion of “campfires” in Article I, Section 8, would appear to corroborate and support the prohibition of temporary living facilities as defined in Article I, Section 1. The allowance of “outside fire boxes” as defined in Article I, Section 8, would appear to allow, and not prohibit the use of “outdoor warming fires” in conjunction with “residential purposes”, provided such “outdoor warming fires” are carried out in a safe manner (“*must be protected from spark by capping or screening*”).

Therefore, the LMRPOA Board establishes the following Policy... “Outdoor warming fires” carried out in conjunction with “residential purposes” are allowed, subject to safe burning levels, defensible space and a form of adequate fire and spark suppression.