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SWEAT LODGES (NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS RITE)

*Administrative Rule Adopted by Bureau of Fire & Rescue Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority
ARB-FIR-3.12*

PURPOSE:

To provide uniform enforcement of fire safety regarding forested, environmental and structural exposures.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Native American Sweat Lodges located within the area protected by the Portland Bureau of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services.

PROCEDURES:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

1. Minimum distance of 25 feet to structure from the heating fire must be maintained.
2. Vegetation and ground cover must be cleared or tilled for a radius of 15 feet from the fire and mowed close to the ground 50' when next to forested land.
3. Provide a domestic water source with a 50 foot garden hose attached.
4. Sweat lodges must be less than 200 square feet.
5. Fires must be extinguished when winds reach 15 mph or greater.
6. Provide 1/4" mesh steel screening to the top and three sides of the fire.
7. Submit a drawing showing location.
8. If complaints are lodged concerning dense smoke or noxious odors, the Fire Marshal's Office may revoke this permit, as per OAR 340-23-042(2).

HISTORY

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