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Burning Permit Information

The Alturas Fire Department issues Burning Permits for both residential and commercial use, allowing community members to safely manage their vegetation. The yearly permit costs $10.00 and is intended to facilitate responsible burning practices within the Alturas area. Burning is only permitted once the official Burn Suspension has been lifted by the Alturas Fire Department, ensuring adherence to safety regulations and environmental considerations.

Validity Period:

Burn permits are generally valid **from November 1st through May 31st**, contingent upon the official Burn Suspension. This designated period has been established to correspond with seasonal weather patterns that influence fire safety. The current burn status will be communicated through the Modoc Record Newspaper, the City of Alturas Facebook page, the City of Alturas website, and the message board at the front of the Alturas Fire Department.

Burning Hours:

Permitted burning can only take place between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. It is essential for all burn piles to be completely extinguished, as smoldering is strictly prohibited after 12:00 p.m.. This regulation is in place to minimize the risk of uncontrolled fires that could threaten public safety and the environment.

Obtaining a Burn Permit

To obtain a Burning Permit, you can book an online appointment with the Alturas Fire Marshal through the following link: http://cityofalturas.us/departments/fire/index.php . Alternatively, you may contact the Alturas City Hall directly at (530) 233-2052 for assistance. If you are in the vicinity, feel free to visit Alturas City Hall and request help from the Front Desk to schedule your appointment in person.

During your scheduled appointment, the Fire Marshal will conduct an inspection of the materials you wish to burn as well as the surrounding location. This is to ensure that the burning meets safety regulations and won't pose a threat to the community or environment. Upon successful evaluation and approval of your site, the Fire Marshal will issue the necessary permit, allowing

you to proceed with your burning activity. Remember to prepare for the inspection by having details about what will be burned and the intended location ready to discuss

****Ways to Pay for your Burn Permit****

To complete the payment for your Permit, you have two convenient options. You can pay online by visiting http://cityofalturas.us/departments/fire/index.php , where you will be guided through the necessary steps to process your payment securely. Alternatively, you can visit the Alturas City Hall during regular business hours if you prefer to handle the transaction in person. The staff there will be happy to assist you with the payment process and answer any questions you may have regarding your Permit.By following these guidelines, you contribute to the well-being of our community and help maintain the delicate balance between vegetation management and fire safety. Thank you for your cooperation!

****Burn Permit Affidavit and Acknowledgment of Responsibilities****

At this moment, the permittee affirms that the premises specified under this permit are either controlled or owned by him/her or that he/she is a bona fide employee of the property owner, acting under that owner's explicit direction and authority. This permit is granted with the understanding that the permittee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the following detailed conditions fully:

1. **Compliance with State Enactments**: The permittee must fully comply with all relevant state laws and regulations enacted by the State of California related to fire safety and environmental protection.

2. **Adherence to Local Ordinances**: The permittee is required to fully comply with the provisions of all applicable ordinances established by the City of Alturas, which might include specific restrictions or guidelines regarding outdoor burning.

3. **Wind Conditions for Burning**: Burning activities are strictly prohibited during moderate to strong winds. The permittee must verify that wind speeds are mild (generally under five mph) before initiating burning activities to prevent fire spread and ensure public safety.

4. **Prohibition of Household Garbage Burning**: Burning household garbage or any non-compliant materials is strictly prohibited. This includes any items that may release toxic fumes or pollutants when burned.

5. **Safety of Burning Locations**: The permittee must ensure that burning occurs only in safe locations that will not harm persons, property, or the environment. Burning activities should not create excessive or offensive odors that could disturb neighboring properties or the surrounding community.

6. **Fire Attendance**: All burning activities must be monitored and adequately attended at all times. The permittee is responsible for ensuring that the designated attendant remains with the fire until it is completely extinguished and cold to the touch.

7. **Additional Precautions for Safe Burning**:

a. **Small Piles Only**: All burning must be conducted in small, manageable piles. The permittee must have a garden hose connected to a water source and a shovel readily available to control and suppress the fire if necessary.

b. **Air Quality Regulations Compliance**: This permit does not grant permission to violate any existing regulations concerning air pollution. The permittee must adhere to all air quality standards to protect public health.

c. **Permit Revocation Conditions**: The permit may be revoked at any given time due to high fire danger conditions or violations of the permit terms. The permittee should know that compliance is crucial for maintaining the permit's validity.

Fire Safety Guidelines:

The Alturas Fire Department encourages all permittees to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code to ensure safety and compliance.

Burning Hours: The designated burning hours are highlighted at the top of this permit document. Adhering to these hours is essential to minimizing the risk of fires during hazardous conditions.

Complete Extinction of Fires: All fires must be extinguished thoroughly at the end of the designated burning period. Smoldering fires are not permissible, as they pose an ongoing risk of danger.

- **Garbage and Prohibited Materials**: The permittee must not burn garbage in incinerators or on the ground. This includes any materials that can produce toxic smoke or odors.

- **No Burning on Public Properties**: Burning is prohibited on or within any street, sidewalk, parkway, or alley. The permittee must ensure that all burning remains within private property boundaries, away from public areas.

- **Inspection Requirement**: Burning of grass or weeds that have not been cut is prohibited unless inspection by the appropriate authorities has been completed and permission granted.

- **Incinerator Regulations**: Incinerators must be equipped with appropriately sized screens to minimize the release of ash or debris and must be maintained in accordance with safety regulations.

- **Burn Barrel Restrictions**: Burn barrels are strictly prohibited within the City of Alturas. The permittee should not engage in this form of burning under any circumstances.

<u>Important Notice**:</u>**

WARNING: This permit does not absolve the user of any legal responsibilities associated with the safe use of fire. Burning activities must not violate Local, State, or Federal laws and regulations governing fire use.

The permittee acknowledges that it may be held financially liable for any suppression costs incurred by the Alturas Fire Department if a fire escapes its control, regardless of the cause. The permittee also understands that reimbursement may be sought for public funds expended due to such incidents.