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**OPEN BURNING**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

To implement the CBJ open burning ordinance by providing and issuing open burning permits, and to provide guidance for those investigating complaints from the public regarding open burning.

**GUIDELINE:**

**52.1** Open burning within the CBJ is regulated by Section 36.40.060 of the Municipal Code. The code states that any person engaged in open burning, that is, burning in which the smoke passes directly into the air, must have a permit issued by the Manager. The Fire Department is the Manager's designee for issuance of permits. Further, opening burning is prohibited the Mendenhall Valley and Lemon Creek areas from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**52.2** Open burning by commercial businesses is not allowed. Special permits for land clearing are issued. Debris burning may occur in approved incinerators.

**52.3** Open burning permits are available at the CCF/R administrative office, and at the Juneau and Glacier fire stations or on line at [www.juneau.org](http://www.juneau.org). Persons wishing to burn must come to one of these locations and sign a roster to obtain a permit. Permits are good for the calendar year in which they are issued.

**52.4** Complaints regarding opening burning are handled through the dispatcher, and forwarded to the nearest staffed station. Station officers from either the Juneau or Glacier station will investigate such complaints as the response workload allows. Most complaints involve a nuisance created either by excessive smoke or by odors associated with the burning of prohibited materials.

**52.5** Personnel should review the text of the Open Burning Permit. The text of the permit contains all of the provisions of the open burning ordinance, definitions and interpretations of items within the ordinance, and an explanation of what constitutes a nuisance under the CBJ code. The information in the permit should enable station officers to make an informed decision when called upon to investigate complaints.