

Chapter 8.08

BURNING RESTRICTIONS

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8.08.010 Definitions. The definitions of words and phrases used in this Chapter which pertain to the concept of "open burning" shall reasonably conform with any which may be provided in C.R.S. 25-7-103 and in Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Regulation No. 9.

8.08.020 Open Burning of Materials Generally Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to conduct any form of outdoor or open burning activity anywhere in the City of Delta except as specifically allowed by Section 8.08.030. This general prohibition shall apply whether or not burning is conducted within a receptacle or facility designed for the containment of outdoor fires. It is specifically intended to prohibit the burning of all forms of trash, garbage, refuse and other waste materials including without limitation, all forms of vegetation such as leaves, tree limbs, grass, shrub and garden trimmings, and all forms of manufactured products and materials except food materials being used for, and in the process of, cooking meals for human consumption in the manner specifically allowed under Section 8.08.030A.

8.08.030. Burning Activities Allowed Subject to Restrictions. Notwithstanding any express or implied provision of Section 8.08.020 to the contrary, the following outdoor or open burning activities shall be deemed lawful subject to all specified restrictions and conditions:

A. The outdoor cooking of food in grills, barbeque pits and other containment devices specifically designed for cooking activity, and the use of matches, torches, welding and ignition devices, tobacco products, flares, fireworks, explosives and other products and devices commonly used for domestic, commercial, training and industrial purposes, provided that the pertinent activity otherwise complies with all applicable State laws and regulations."

B. Open burning on real property of surface brush, weeds and other cover vegetation for purposes of routine ditch and field maintenance and general agricultural purposes on the following conditions:

1. The areas to be burned either consist of an easement area owned and controlled by an incorporated or unincorporated ditch association, or are otherwise located entirely within one or more contiguous lots or parcels of land titled in the name(s) of the same owner(s) and containing one half acre or more in the aggregate.

2. The desired removal of brush, weeds and other cover vegetation cannot be as practically or economically accomplished by means other than burning.

3. Any burning activity is continuously attended by an owner of the easement or property on which the surface burning is to occur, or some properly delegated officer or agent of such owner, who has the ability to control and extinguish the fire through immediately available water sources and other fire suppression tools that are adequate to prevent spread of the fire to man-made improvements and/or to other areas of adjoining land.

4. The owner of the pertinent easement or property observes all applicable provisions, conditions and/or limitations of Department of Public Health and Environment Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 9, including obtaining a state open burning permit, and has also first complied with applicable provisions of Delta County Burn Regulations (Ordinance No. 2007-02, as amended) by providing notice of an intent to conduct open burning through the "Burn Hotline" at 970-399-2955 or any successor phone number maintained for burning notification purposes by Delta County. (Prior Code §9-11; Ord. 8, 1987; Ord. 16, §1, 2012; Ord. 4, 2022 )