

Beech Mountain Lakes Association Policies			
<i>Section:</i>	5.0 Security and Safety	<i>Effective Date:</i>	January 01, 2022
<i>Policy:</i>	5.1 Open Burning Policy	<i>Supersedes:</i>	September 2008
<i>Approved by:</i>	5 of 5 Board Members		

If applicable, the exact amount of the fee, fine or deposit that may be referenced in the below policy can be found in the Schedule for Fees and Fines (found by following this link).

If permits are required for this policy:

- 1. Beech Mountain has 30 days from the date of submission to approve the permit.*
- 2. It is your responsibility to check with Butler Township for any permits needed to ensure you are in compliance with their policies.*

RECITALS

- A. Whereas, the Beech Mountain Lakes Protective Covenants, Declarations, and Rules and Regulations, from hereon referred to as the 'Policies,' describe how a property may be used, developed, and maintained within the community.
- B. Whereas, under the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Exceptions, Reservations, and Conditions for Beech Mountain Lakes in Drums, Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors is charged with certain responsibilities regarding protection of the safety and well-being of residents and guests of Beech Mountain Lakes, as well as with the care, maintenance, service, and preservation of the Common Areas.
- C. Whereas, the Board of Directors, under section 13 of the Beech Mountain Lakes Protective Covenants has the power to implement general use restrictions including section 13.10.
- D. Whereas, the Property Owner, under section 13 of the Covenants and section 3 of the Policies, is charged with certain responsibilities regarding the care, maintenance, service, and preservation of property within Beech Mountain Lakes Association in Drums, Pennsylvania.
- E. Whereas, the Board of Directors wishes to update a uniform policy for open burning.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the Board of Directors hereby updates the following policy for open burning:

The Ordinances of Butler Township relating to Outdoor Burning shall be specifically included in these rules as follows:

Butler Township Ordinances: Section 102- Outdoor Burning Prohibited
States:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company or corporation to burn treated or painted wood, brush, trash, paper, rubbish, garbage, rubber, tar, plastics, grass, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, garden materials, paper and paper products, out of doors anywhere in Butler Township. This section shall not prohibit the use of an outdoor fire for cooking or for recreation.
2. No person may permit the open burning of material in a manner that:
 - a) The emissions are visible, at any time, at the point such emissions pass outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted; or
 - b) Malodorous air contaminants from the open burning are detectable outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted; or
 - c) The emissions interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of life or property; or
 - d) The emissions cause damage to vegetation or property; or
 - e) The emissions are or may be deleterious to human or animal health.

BML will comply with all burning bans issued by Butler Township.

A. THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, EXCEPTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS for BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES (section 13.9 Garbage and Refuse Disposal) further stipulates that:

No owner shall burn or permit the burning out-of-doors of garbage, trash, or other household refuse.

B. Therefore, the following rules shall be effective throughout Beech Mountain Lakes:

1. No owner, visitor, Quail Hollow registered guest, family member or other guest may burn or allow to be burned any substance, including leaves, that is not allowed by Butler Township in, on, or adjacent to Beech Mountain Lakes.
2. No fires may be built on the ground.
3. Only equipment generally called a “**portable fire pit**”, as described below, **or a permanently constructed fire pit**, may be used and **must include a spark screen**.
4. Prior to each use of a portable fire pit, the resident must contact the office or guard shack time to verify that no burning ban is in effect.
5. An adult must be at the site of the portable fire pit at all times during its use.
6. No fires are allowed in any green space or common area other than the Campground.
7. A water hose connected to a water source must be at and within a reasonable distance from the fire site.

This rule shall not prohibit the use of an outdoor fire for cooking, if properly contained in a **grill** (see below) or another non-combustible receptacle.

C. Penalty. The penalty for violating the BML Open Burning regulation is listed on the Schedule for Fees and Fines.

D. Definitions:

References to Portable Fire Pit include, but are not limited to the following.

- **Portable Fire Pit-** There are several makers of portable outdoor fire pits. These are generally large metal or ceramic bowls with legs and a mesh lid. Some have wheels on two legs for easy portability. Some also come with a grill grate that can be placed on

top so that the fire pit can double as a barbeque; others can hold a rotisserie device for roasting meats.

- **Wood Burning Grill or Fire Pit Grill-** A wood burning grill is a fire pit which is specifically designed for fire pit cooking. It comes with a grill grate which fits on the firepit above the firewood embers. Some have available rotisseries so large roasts can be slowly cooked.
- **Fire Pit Table-** Many fire pits are built into an outdoor table or have table-like rim around the fire pit. This is handy both for holding food that is being grilled but also for resting beverages or plates.
- **Copper Fire Pit-** A copper fire pit is a fancy option for an outdoor fire pit. Copper has a very high melting point, making it very durable and long lasting.
- **Chiminea Fire Pit-** A chiminea fire pit is an enclosed outdoor fire pit which is generally taller than it is wide. It usually has a tall chimney-like top and varies in styles and materials. Some are made of various metals and also may be found made of terra cotta.
- **Gas Fire Pit-** Although similar to other types of portable fire pits, it is fueled by liquid propane.
- **Permanently Constructed Fire Pit using pavers, bricks, concrete, etc.**

Types of Outdoor Grills:

- **Charcoal Grill-** The classic outdoor grill and barbecue
- **Gas Grill-** A grill, usually fueled by a propane tank, sometimes including an accessory smoker box to hold mesquite, hickory or other smoking woods to add smoke flavors
- **Smoker Grill-** A grill used to smoke foods slowly at low heat using aromatic smoking woods for intense flavor and tender meat
- **Terra Cotta or Ceramic Grill-** Popular overseas, generally inexpensive and portable

Effective Date

In witness whereof, the undersigned have executed this resolution on the 1st day of January 2022.

Signature on file in Admin office

President

Signature on file in Admin office

Secretary