

**CHAPTER C -- FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION**

**ARTICLE I -- FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Section 1 – Organization**

The fire department serving the Town and the surrounding fire district shall be the Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. This Non-Profit Corporation shall operate under its own by-laws as specified by the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, and shall also maintain any fire-fighting equipment owned by the Town.

**Section 2 – Fire Prevention**

All burning within the Town shall comply with the following regulations:

- (a) Yard waste consisting of leaves, tree branches or yard trimmings originating on the premises of private residences and burned on those premises may be burned provided that they are:
  - (1) Burned in a sturdy metal container with a wire screen over the top to prevent embers from escaping, and at least fifty (50) feet from the nearest structure, or;
  - (2) Burned in an open fire at least one hundred (100) feet from the nearest structure.
- (b) No salt treated wood, rubber, synthetic materials, or any other material which would violate EPA air quality regulations may be burned.
- (c) The burn must be attended at all times by a responsible person.
- (d) A charged hose or other adequate source of water must be at the burn site.
- (e) Initial burning shall begin between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and no combustible material shall be added to the fire between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day.
- (f) No burning can take place on days when wind speed is greater than ten miles per hour (10 mph) or when conditions are considered "extremely dry" as determined by the North Carolina Forestry Department.
- (g) Smoke from fires causing a nuisance to others must be extinguished.
- (h) A burn permit must be obtained from an agent of the North Carolina Forestry Department.
- (i) No fire shall be lit on any street, sidewalk or road right-of-way.

**Section 3 – Enforcement**

Any person who violates this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punished in accordance with Chapter A, Article II, Section 6.