

Chapter 9

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION*

* **Editors Note:** By resolution dated July 11, 1955, the city requested to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Prince George's County Fire Code. Also by resolution dated September 12, 1955, the city requested that the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks assume jurisdiction, for purposes of fire prevention and detecting services, over all wooded areas and park lands within the city.

Charter References: Authority of city relative to fire protection, § 3(5).

Cross References: Department of public safety, § 2-61 et seq.; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 4; designation of fire lanes, § 11-10; parking in fire lanes, § 11-43; fires in parks, § 12-46.

State Law References: Fires and fire prevention generally, Anno. Code of Md., Art. 38A.

Sec. 9-1. Fireworks.

(a) The use of fireworks within the city is prohibited, except pursuant to a permit from the state fire marshal and a permit in writing which the city manager is authorized to issue to any bona fide civic organization within the city for their use or display at any public celebration or event.

(b) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Code 1971, § 9-1)

County Code reference--Fireworks, § 11-267, Prince George's County Code.

State Law References: Fireworks, Anno. Code of Md., Art. 38A, § 15 et seq.

Sec. 9-2. Permit for outdoor fires.

(a) It shall be unlawful to kindle or maintain or authorize the kindling or maintaining of any bonfire or any other outdoor fire set for the purpose of burning wood, trash, debris, leaves, branches, grass or other material within the city.

(b) This section shall not prohibit the kindling or maintaining of the following fires:

(1) A fire in any established outdoor fireplace or pit, grill or stove in any recreation area or in the yard of a residence.

(2) Small warming fires built in a container; provided that such fires shall be permitted on city streets, in city parks and at other public places only with the permission of the city manager.

(3) Other fires for which a permit has been issued by the city manager; provided such fires are not for the purpose of disposing of trash or clearing woodland. The city manager may establish regulations as to the time and place under which such fires may be permitted.

(4) The burning of matches, lighters, candles, torches, tobacco or other small controlled fires of a similar nature.

(Code 1971, § 9-2)

County code references--Refuse burning, Prince George's County Code, § 19-129; bonfires, §§ 11-269, 19-123 et seq., Prince George County Code.