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Sedgwick County Fire District To Change Enforcement of Burning Trash

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Effective immediately, the Sedgwick County Fire District will change the enforcement of residents burning trash within the Sedgwick County Fire District. In compliance with the Sedgwick County Environmental Resources Code (2004) on the “Use of Freestanding incinerators; backyard solid waste burning,” the Sedgwick County Fire District will not allow the burning of trash in a burn barrel unless the property is equal to five acres or greater. See below to read Code Section 24 – 58.

“In an effort to comply with the environmental resources code, the Sedgwick County Fire District has decided to add the five-acre rule to their code,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “It is our duty to ensure the safety of our citizens, and this code is meant to help protect our citizens and their property.”

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Sec. 24-58. Use of freestanding incinerators; backyard solid waste burning.

Use of freestanding incinerators is prohibited, *except that the occupant of a single-family dwelling on a lot of at least five (5) acres in size* may burn only the combustible residential solid waste of the occupant of such single-family dwelling in a freestanding incinerator of a design that is in accordance with specifications provided by the county fire department. Such freestanding incinerator shall be located and operated at least one hundred (100) feet from any dwelling, structure, or building, whether occupied or not, and at least ten (10) feet from any property line. This restriction shall not apply to barbeque pits and outdoor fireplaces built in accordance with the building code. In addition to all other provisions of chapter 12 of this Code, the chief of the county fire department may, because of severe weather conditions, prohibit backyard solid waste burning or open burning for such period of time as chief deems appropriate in relation to such severe weather conditions.

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