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AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Title 4, Chapter 5 of the Evanston City Code,
"Building Regulations," to add Section 307.5,
"Fire Pit Regulations"**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: That Title 4, Chapter 5 of the Evanston City Code, "Building Regulations," of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended, be, and is further amended by adding Chapter 307.5, "Fire Pit Regulations," to read as follows:

307.5 Fire Pit Regulations: The use of Fire Pits will be allowed provided the following regulations are complied with:

1. For clarity, a Fire Pit includes a permanent below ground fire pit, a permanent grade level outdoor fireplace or a portable outdoor fireplace, all intended to contain and control outdoor wood fires.
2. Portable Fire Pits, constructed of steel, brick, or masonry, shall be used in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and safety guidelines and must be placed upon a non-combustible surface.
3. Only natural seasoned firewood or commercial logs may be burned.
4. The fires in Fire Pits shall be kept manageable.
5. The use of the Fire Pit must be attended and supervised by a competent adult property owner until the fire has been completely extinguished. A legal resident / tenant of a property may use a Fire Pit in accordance to this Ordinance as long as the property owner or assigned management company grants written permission to the legal resident / tenant. The use of the Fire Pit must be

attended and supervised by the legal resident / tenant until the fire has been completely extinguished.

6. A portable ten (10) -pound ABC type fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, bucket of sand, or dirt, must be readily available.

7. The use of a Fire Pit which creates a hazardous or objectionable condition shall be prohibited. The Code Official is authorized to order the extinguishment of a fire in a Fire Pit creating a hazardous or objectionable condition.

8. The use of the Fire Pit shall not be located within ten feet (10') of a structure or any combustible material. In no case shall the appliance be located directly under overhead combustible construction.

9. The use of the Fire Pit shall not cause any building fire alarm system to activate.

10. Guidelines when using Fire Pit shall include common sense, respect for neighbors and neighborhoods.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. provided by law.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Adopted: January 14, 2008

Approved:

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January 18, 2008
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