	FIRE MANAGEMENT – BURNING POLICY	Version No:	1.1
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1. Introduction

The burning of garden refuse, dry grass and materials for bushfire prevention in South Australia is regulated by the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, Environmental Protection (Burning) Policy 1994 and the Native Vegetation Act 1991.

The District Council of Franklin Harbour recognises the need for residents to utilise the method of burning to clear their properties especially for the purpose of fire prevention.

The purpose of this policy is to provide advice on when permits need to be issued and guidelines to be adhered to for safe and effective burning.

2. Burning – No Permit Required

Pursuant to the EPA Burning Policy, residents are able to burn dried materials such as wood, garden clippings, cardboard and paper outside of the Fire Danger Season without notifying Council subject to the advice outlined in Section 2.1 of this Policy.

Burning is to only occur between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Saturday and must not be lit before 10am and fully extinguished, with no smoke emitting, by 3pm.

No burning is to occur on a Sunday or Public Holiday or on a day declared Total Fire Ban.

The Fire Danger Season extends from 1 November to 15 April unless otherwise advised by the CFS or MFS.

2.1. *Requirements*

- Stockpiles of dry vegetation to be no larger than 3m x 3m x 1.5m high
- A four metre break is required around the area to be burned
- All flammable materials are to be removed from the proximity to the burn
- Ensure that working fire control equipment is with you (refer to the CFS and MFS websites www.cfs.org.au and www.mfs.sa.gov.au for further detail)
- A responsible person must be present at all times and must not leave the site of the burn if smoke/smouldering is still emitting from the burnt materials,
- Minimise the smoke entering another person's property, as not to cause a nuisance
- Do not set fire to multiple stockpiles at once
- Do not attempt to burn materials mixed in with the soil

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Do not burn the following materials or any other hazardous waste:

- Tyres
- Green garden waste
- Plastic
- Chemical containers
- Treated timber

No fire may be lit or maintained in the open on any street, road, road reserve or laneway.

These materials may be burnt on the ground or in an incinerator, as long as a four metre clearance is in place to minimise the spread of a fire.

Consideration must be given to smoke that may be emitted from any fire lit. If Council was to receive complaints regarding smoke causing nuisance to neighbouring properties, the person in charge of the fire in question may be asked to extinguish the fire.

3. Burning – Permit Required

Pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Burning) Policy 1994 and the Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005, Council supports applications to undertake controlled burning of stockpiled vegetation for bushfire prevention. This section outlines when permits are required to be issued by Council prior to any burning taking place.

3.1. Fire Danger Season

Burning may take place within the fire danger season only upon a permit being granted. No fires shall be lit on days of a Total Fire Ban.

3.2. Size of Piles


Pile size must not exceed 3m x 3m x 1.5m high either during or outside the Fire Danger Season.

3.3. Outside of Hours

Should a resident wish to burn outside of the hours of 10.00am until 3.00pm Monday to Saturday, during or outside of the Fire Danger Season, a permit may be issued by the Fire Prevention Officer authorised to issue such a permit within the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 at the Officers discretion.

If a permit has been issued the requirements above are applicable as well as the following;

- The permit is not valid during total fire ban days.
- A Council Officer shall inspect the property before the permit is issued.

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- Any specific conditions deemed necessary by the Fire Prevention Officer will be stated on the permit
- The South Australian MFS must also be notified prior to carrying out any burning. The office can be contacted on (08) 8204 3790.

4. Definitions

4.1. *Total Fire Ban*

BURNING MUST NOT OCCUR ON DAYS DECLARED A TOTAL FIREBAN, if a permit has been issued it becomes invalid on such days. It is the responsibility of the resident/permit holder to determine if a Total Fire Ban has been declared before burning is commenced.

5. Review

This policy will be reviewed by the District Council of Franklin Harbour within 12 months after each general election of Council. To ensure the principle of open Governance is being applied in the proper manner, it is anticipated that a review will be conducted every three years. However, Council has the right to review this Policy at any time, if considered desirable.

6. References

Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, EPA (Burning) Policy 1994, Native Vegetation Act 1991 Burning for Bushfire Prevention Prior to the Fire Danger Season

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SIGNED:
	Responsible Officer
	Date: ____ / ____ / ____