

Authorized Fire Policy

1. Only members of HIOA may obtain authorization for a fire. Only the Chief of Security, or his designee may issue permits.
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 - A. Permit request must be made at least 4 hours, but no more than 24 hours before the planned fire. The Chief of Security, or his designee will check the fire danger level with the South Carolina Forestry Commission. Permits will be granted only if the fire danger level is “LOW”.
 - B. An owner/member must be present at all times, until the fire is extinguished. A source of water must be present. Trash or brush fires are not permitted on Harbor Island.
3. This policy does not prohibit, outdoor grills, small cooking fires, and enclosed fires such as chimneas on private property.
4. Use of the “Community Fire Pit” is limited to official HIOA social functions that are open to all members. Unauthorized fires are not permitted on the island.

SC Code of Laws Section 16-11-180 prohibits “negligently allowing fire to spread to lands or property of another.”

If your fire escapes its intended confines, you will be fined, you will be liable.

It is also against the law to burn household garbage and trash, tires, chemicals, plastics and building materials anywhere in South Carolina.