

**ARTICLE V. FIREWOOD STORAGE (RESIDENTIAL AREAS)**

**Sec. 17-79. Storage regulations; fine for violation; civil infractions.**

(a) In any area zoned for residential purposes, the following shall apply:

- (1) The outside storage of more than two (2) face cords of firewood on any one (1) lot or parcel is prohibited except as provided hereinafter. For purposes of this section, a face cord dimension is determined to be no more than four (4) feet tall, eight (8) feet long and approximately eighteen (18) inches in depth.
- (2) Firewood must be stored in a structure or rack which is at least three (3) inches above the ground, not more than forty-eight (48) inches in height, and not more than ten (10) feet in length.
- (3) Firewood must be stacked in a neat, compact and orderly manner so as not to create a harborage for animals, rodents or other pest infestation or other hazard to the public safety and welfare.
- (4) No storage of firewood is permitted in the front yard. For purposes of this article, "front yard" shall mean the open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest line of the main building. Firewood storage is permitted on the front porch.
- (5) Storage of firewood is prohibited on vacant parcels.
- (6) No storage of firewood is permitted for use other than for the dwelling contained on the lot or parcel.
- (7) The storage of more than two (2) face cords of firewood on any one (1) lot or parcel may be permitted if the wood is to be used to fuel a wood-burning appliance, or if the wood is the product of a tree which had been grown on the lot or parcel, but only by permit issued by the city's planning and community development department.

(b) In addition to any costs which may be assessed pursuant to subsection (c) below, any violation of this article shall subject the violator to a civil fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(c) In addition to the enforcement of this article as a civil infraction as provided in subsection (b) above, this article may also be enforced in the same manner as provided in section 17-53 of the city code.

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