# CITY OF JOPLIN
# OUTDOOR BURN PERMIT
# REGULATIONS
## General Burning Regulations – Ordinance 58-1

**Only residential vegetative material** (tree branches and leaves) may be burned. Burn piles shall be less than **3 foot** in diameter by **2 foot** high. Commercial land clearing operations are **PROHIBITED** by City Ordinance.
Permits can only be purchased from the City Finance Department at 602 Main or your nearest Joplin Fire Station.

The burn permit costs $10 and is eligible for 3 consecutive days. City Finance Department will accept **CASH, CHECK, or MONEY ORDER**. Permits from Joplin Fire Stations must be purchased with **CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY, NO CASH** accepted.
In order for the eligible burn permit to be valid the caller must call **417-623-0403** to determine if the fire department is allowing burning on each day.
The valid permit must be kept by the person conducting the burning and available upon request to Police or Fire Officers.

**Permits are not required for outdoor cooking fires, barbeque or smoking fires <u>within approved grills, smokers, spits, fire pans, chimineas or outdoor fireplaces; must be at least 15 feet from any structure</u>.**

### Safety:
**-No burning is allowed after sunset.**
**-The burn pile must be at least 50 feet from any structure.**
**-An adult must attend open burning at all times.**
**-The person attending open burning must have means of extinguishment available at the burn location.**
**-Citizen complaints of burning will be investigated and illegal burning operations will be issued a summons to City Municipal Court.**

### Contact Numbers
**Joplin Fire Department 417-623-0403**
**Joplin Finance Department 417- 624-0820 ext. 241**

* If none of the three days covered by the permit are burn days, the permit may be reissued for another 3 day period during any of the following seven days at no charge.