

**ORDINANCE NO. 112 - 16**  
**Deerfield Township, Livingston County, Michigan**

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 112, as amended, commonly referred to as the 2002 Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance, to add provisions addressing the authorization of outdoor furnaces and standards applicable thereto.

**SECTION 1**

The 2002 Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance is amended by the addition of the following Section 19.19 in Article 19:

**“Section 19.19 Outdoor Furnaces**

**A. Definitions:** For the purpose of this Section and Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Natural wood: Tree trunks and branches of a minimum diameter of two (2) inches excluding leaves and needles, wood that has been milled and dried including wood pellets, and corn and agricultural seeds, provided all of which has not been treated or combined with any petroleum product, chemical, preservative, glue, adhesive, stain, paint or other substance.
2. Outdoor furnace: An accessory structure intended not to be located within a building occupied by humans or domestic animals, which is designed for heating spaces or liquids within such occupied buildings, or outdoor swimming pools and spas, through the burning of fuel.

**B. Approval Procedure:** Outdoor furnaces are classified as an accessory structure and shall be subject to Zoning Administrator approval including plot plan approval according to Article 4. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a zoning permit for an outdoor furnace upon finding that the application complies with the standards and regulations of this Section and Ordinance.

**C. Standards:**

1. An outdoor furnace shall be equipped with properly functioning spark arrestors and shall comply with all building codes of the Township and all other regulations and requirements of county, state and federal agencies. Where local codes, state or federal regulations establish standards in excess of the manufacture’s specifications, such furnace shall not be erected.
2. Outdoor furnaces are authorized in the A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4 Districts only and provided the lot is of a minimum two (2) acres in area.
3. No outdoor furnace shall be located in a front yard. The furnace shall be located a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from a lot line.
4. The outdoor furnace shall have a chimney that extends at least fifteen (15) feet above the average ground surface below as measured at all corner points of the furnace, and in no case shall the chimney be less than two (2) feet above the peak of any existing building on a separate lot that is within five hundred (500) feet of the furnace and intended for human occupancy. “Existing building” shall mean any building existing on the effective date of this Section 19.19 or any building for which a building permit has been issued prior to the effective date of this Section 19.19 but yet to be constructed. Nothing in this subsection (4) shall be construed to authorize a chimney height that exceeds the manufacturer’s specifications. See subsection (1) above.
5. No outdoor furnace shall rely on any fuel except natural wood as defined in subsection (A) above. For clarification purposes, prohibited fuels include, but are not limited to, rubbish or garbage including but not limited to food wastes; food wraps; packaging; animal carcasses; paint or painted materials; furniture; composite shingles; construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes; asphalt and products containing asphalt; plywood or composite wood; any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, polystyrene or urethane foam, synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers; rubber including tires and synthetic rubber-like products; and newspaper, corrugated cardboard, container board, office paper and other similar materials.”

