

Section 20.17 Outdoor Furnaces

A. Outdoor Furnace Defined: For the purpose of this Section and Ordinance, “outdoor furnace” shall be defined as 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 through the burning of fuel.

B. Approval Procedure: Outdoor furnaces are classified as an accessory structure and shall be subject to Zoning Administrator approval according to Section 2.4. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a zoning permit for such furnace upon finding that the application complies with the standards and regulations of this Section and this Ordinance.

C. Standards: An outdoor furnace shall be installed and used only in accordance with all of the following provisions:

1. Construction: An outdoor furnace shall comply with all building codes of the Township and all other regulations and requirements of county, state and federal agencies. An outdoor furnace shall meet the manufacture’s specification for erection and operation and shall exceed such specifications where local codes, state or federal regulations require so.
2. Districts, Lot Area, Yards and Setbacks:
 - a) An outdoor furnace shall be located in an AG or RR District only, on a lot of a minimum two (2) acres.
 - b) An outdoor furnace shall not be located in a front yard and shall be setback from all lot lines a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet.
3. Chimney Height: The furnace shall have a chimney that meets manufacturer’s specifications for height and in no case shall a chimney be less than two (2) feet above the peak of all buildings on any other lot within one-hundred fifty (150) feet of the furnace.
4. Fuel: No outdoor furnace shall rely on any fuel except wood, wood pellets, corn, and agricultural seeds, provided such materials include no additives such as paints, varnishes, preservatives, resins, and glues. 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 or waste, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes, asphalt and products containing asphalt; plywood, composite wood or pressure treated woods; any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, polystyrene or urethane foam, and 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.