

# Affidavit of No Other Adequate Source Of Heat (NOASH)

(Revised 8-17-18)



Properties located in the Air Quality Control Zone (AQCZ) of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) (see map on page 5 – or call the Air Quality office if you are unsure whether or not you are in the area) are subject to restrictions on the use of solid fuel burning appliances (SFBA) and waste oil burning appliances during air alerts as per FNSB Code 21.28.050. During a Stage 1 or Stage 2 air alert, residents may not add fuel to the combustion chamber or firebox of any SFBA or waste oil burning appliance. Per FNSB code 21.28.050 and 21.28.060, building owners or other persons with a property or managerial interest in the building who receive a no other adequate source of heat (NOASH) designation, are exempt from Stage 1 or Stage 2 air alert restrictions for that building. A resident with a **Borough listed SFBA** (e.g. EPA certified wood and pellet stoves with an emissions rating of 2.5 g/hr or less, EPA certified hydronic heaters with an emissions rating of 0.10 lbs/million btu or less, masonry heaters, and cook stoves) or an EPA certified appliance manufactured after 1998 may apply for a NOASH designation for a building constructed on or before December 31, 2016.

A resident may receive a NOASH designation for one of the following three reasons: 1) The subject structure must be heated and the structure has no adequate heating source without using a SFBA; 2) Economic hardship requires use of the SFBA; or 3) Complying with the restriction would result in damage to property including damage to the appliance itself and its heating components.

In order to receive a NOASH designation you must provide documentation (1) of your approved SFBA, (2) proof that the catalyst has been replaced in accordance with manufacturer recommendations or specifications (if applicable), (3) of your ability to properly store wood, and (4) that you have taken a class or training in proper wood burning techniques. If requesting a NOASH for economic hardship, you must also provide documentation of hardship. This documentation may be established by showing approval for assistance from a list of agencies or programs that provide economic assistance. Please contact the Air Quality Division to request a list of programs.

If the NOASH designation is granted, the resident may continue to use their SFBA(s) during Stage 1 and Stage 2 air alerts.

Complete one form per building and return the form(s) and accompanying documents to **FNSB Air Quality Improvement Program 3175 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709**. For more information call (907) 459-1005 or visit [AQFairbanks.com](http://AQFairbanks.com). **The Fairbanks North Star Borough is subject to the Alaska Public Records Act, AS 40.25 et seq. and this application document may be subject to public disclosure under state law.**

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I \_\_\_\_\_, the owner or other person with property or managerial  
(Printed Name)

interest in a building constructed on or before December 31, 2016 located at

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(property address, including zip code)

request a NOASH designation to permit the use of the following solid fuel burning appliance(s) located on the property during air alerts as set forth by FNSB Code 21.28.050 and 21.28.060 for the following reason(s).

I understand that the solid fuel burning appliance(s) (SFBA) being used to heat the structure must be Borough listed.

**(Initial all that apply)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The building relies on a SFBA as its sole source of heat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The building has no adequate heating source without using a SFBA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complying with an alert restriction would result in damage to property including damage to the appliance itself and its heating system components.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An economic hardship requires that the building uses a solid fuel (**documentation required**).

I am requesting the NOASH designation for the following appliance(s):

(Please fill out the following information to the best of your ability. All information will be reviewed by the Air Quality staff prior to granting a NOASH designation. If information cannot be verified, a designation will not be granted.)

Make/Model/Serial Number of SFBA	EPA Certified? (Circle one)	If yes, emission rating?
1)	Yes No N/A	
2)	Yes No N/A	
3)	Yes No N/A	

I also understand that the following documentation must be completed and/or submitted for each application (initial each requirement):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pictures of each appliance for which you are requesting the exemption -- Pictures should clearly show the front and side of the appliance(s) and, if possible, the EPA certified data plate on the back of the SFBA. The Air Quality office should be able to clearly identify an appliance from the pictures that are submitted. Please let the Air Quality staff know if you have previously participated in the Borough’s Change Out Program, because the Borough may be able to use pictures from our records.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Picture(s) demonstrating your ability to properly store wood – Per Borough code, proper wood storage is defined as “specific and dedicated space to store clean wood in such a manner that it is not in contact with soil, the top is adequately protected from precipitation, and airflow is available to the wood.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ Burn Wise Quiz – Watch the Burn Wise videos (available on our website at AQFairbanks.com or on a DVD from the AQ Office) and complete the quiz.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Restrictions – Read through the form for a quick summary of the Borough’s air quality regulations, and then sign acknowledging that you have read the information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign up to receive alerts – Visit AQFairbanks.com to sign up to receive air quality alerts via text or email. Applications are also available at the AQ Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If the SFBA has a catalyst, proof that that the catalyst has been replaced in accordance with manufacturer recommendations or specifications.

**Certification:** I understand that by signing below I am requesting a NOASH designation from the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) to be able to use the above appliance(s) during Stage 1 and 2 air alerts. I also understand that a NOASH designation is an exemption only with respect to the restrictions imposed during a Stage 1 or Stage 2 air alert, that the exemption only applies as long as the factual circumstances indicated continue to exist, and the exemption does not excuse compliance with any other air quality control measures imposed by Borough code or State law. I also understand that if approved, this completed form will serve as my waiver and that it will **expire on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** This affidavit must be notarized (see below) in order to be processed by the FNSB Air Quality Division. A notary is available in the Air Quality office for your convenience.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF ALASKA )  
 ) ss  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )

On \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me,  
\_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me  
\_\_\_\_\_ whose identity I proved on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_

to be the signer of the above instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

**Please note:** Once the application and all supporting documentation have been submitted, and you have signed up to receive alerts, please allow 1-2 weeks for the Borough’s NOASH determination. Air Quality staff will process applications as quickly as possible, in the order they are received, and in many instances an exemption may be granted the same day an application is submitted.

**For Office Use Only:**

Year building(s) built: \_\_\_\_\_

Received the following:  Pictures of appliance(s)  Picture(s) of proper wood storage  Quiz  
 Notice of Restrictions  Signed up for alerts  
 If the SFBA has a catalyst, proof that that the catalyst has been replaced in  
accordance with manufacturer recommendations or specifications

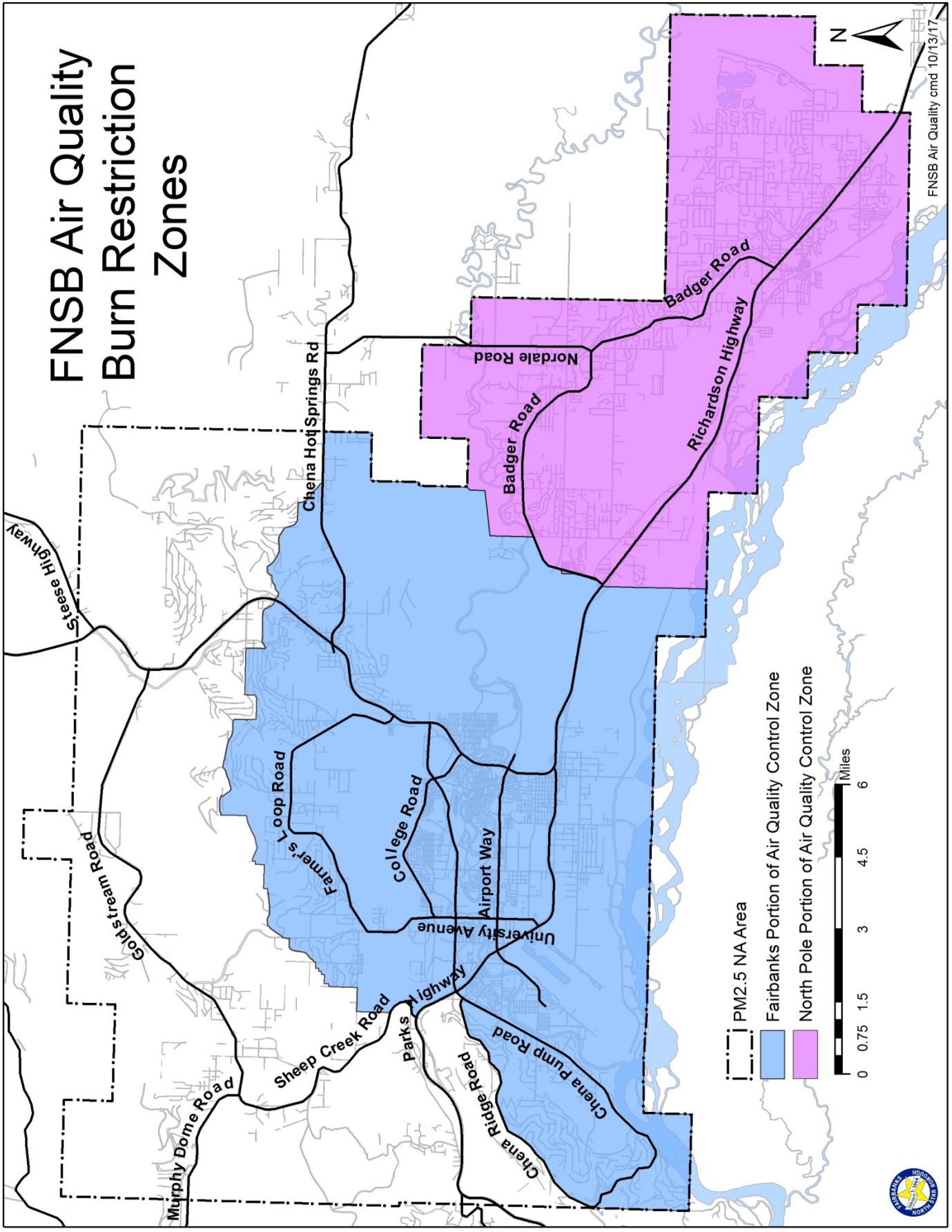
Waiver Status (circle all that apply): Approved Appliance(s) 1 2 3 4  
Denied Appliance(s) 1 2 3 4

If any appliances denied, reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FNSB AQ Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Printed Name Date

# FNSB Air Quality Burn Restriction Zones



# FNSB Air Quality Improvement Program

## Burn Wise Quiz

(Revised 8-9-17)



The questions and answers in this quiz are based on the information from the "Burn Wise" video. We will gladly go over the quiz with you, and please feel free to ask any questions you may have about burning wood responsibly. Please return this quiz to the FNSB Air Quality office, at 3175 Peger Road.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How much cleaner is an EPA certified wood stove compared to an older non certified stove?
  - 30% cleaner
  - 50% cleaner
  - 70% cleaner
2. How much less wood can you expect to use with an EPA certified woodstove compared to an older non certified stove?
  - Up to a 1/4 less wood
  - Up to a 1/3 less wood
  - Up to a 1/2 less wood
3. What is one way to determine the make/model of your wood stove?
  - Tag on the back
  - Owner's manual
  - A local dealer
  - All of the above
4. Green wood contains up to how much moisture? Firewood must have 20% or less moisture content to be legal to burn in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.
  - 25%
  - 35%
  - 50%
  - 100%
5. How often should a chimney be inspected and cleaned?
  - Cleaned at least once a year, inspected more regularly
  - Every 3 – 5 years, inspected once a year
  - Never, the creosote helps to insulate the chimney
6. How often should the catalytic converter on a catalytic type stove be inspected and cleaned?
  - Once a year
  - Every 3 – 5 years
  - Never, it would ruin the catalytic converter

(turn page over to complete quiz)

7. Can a catalytic type stove be affected by leaving the door open?

- Yes
- No

8. What is the most common reason for back drafting?

- Green wood
- Too short of a chimney
- Kitchen, bath, or dryer vent creating negative pressure

9. How can you tell if you are not operating your stove correctly?

- There is a lot of smoke coming out the stack
- You have difficulty lighting a fire
- Your stove isn't providing enough heat
- You can't see through the glass door
- All of the above

10. What is a good way to determine the proper air setting for your stove?

- The owner's manual
- Ask your neighbor
- It is the same as your old stove

11. What are the five rules for an efficient fire?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



## FNSB Air Quality Improvement Program

### NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS FOR SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

(Revised 8-17-17)

In December 2009, the EPA designated a portion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as a Nonattainment area for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). In order to reduce emissions and clean up our air the Borough has adopted Air Quality ordinances, which have created guidelines and restrictions on the installation and operation of solid fuel burning appliances (SFBA's). **Fines for violating these provisions range from \$500 - \$1,000.** **DISCLAIMER:** Below is a general summary that is not inclusive of all Air Quality regulations and only references Code 21.28.020, 21.28.030, and 21.28.050. A complete copy of Borough Air Quality regulations can found online at

<http://www.codepublishing.com/AK/FairbanksNorthStarBorough/#!/FNSBC21/FNSBC2128.html#21.28>

#### **Borough Wide Regulations**

- \* **Prohibited Fuels** - Only clean wood that is **20% MOISTURE CONTENT OR LESS** is allowed to be burned in a wood burning appliance. Clean wood is defined as natural wood that has not been painted, varnished or coated with a similar material, has not been treated with preservatives, and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composited wood products. There are many other prohibited fuels (e.g. garbage, glossy or colored paper, etc). Code reference 21.28.030(G).
- \* **Fine Particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Emissions crossing property lines** – No person shall cause or permit particulate emissions from a nonmobile source to impact the resident(s) of a neighboring property through the creation of an emissions plume that: crosses property lines, is visible, and is 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> greater than the surrounding background. Code reference 21.28.030(D).
- \* **Hydronic heater installation requirements** – There are setback requirements for the installation of hydronic heaters to limit how close the appliance is to property lines, as well as schools, clinics, hospitals, and senior housing units. Code reference 21.28.030(F).

#### **Nonattainment Area Regulations**

- \* **Borough Listed SFBA's** - Only Borough listed SFBA's can be installed, which are as follows: EPA certified wood and pellet stoves with an emissions rating of 2.5 g/hr or less, EPA certified hydronic heaters with an emissions rating of 0.10 lbs/million btu or less, masonry heaters, cook stoves, and fireplaces. Code reference 21.28.020.

#### **Air Quality Control Zone Regulations**

- \* **Air Alert Burn Restrictions** – Between Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Borough's Air Quality division may call a Stage 1 or Stage 2 alert depending on how bad the air quality is expected to get. During a Stage 1 alert, burning is only permitted by those that have received a Stage 1 Waiver or No Other Adequate Source of Heat (NOASH) Waiver. During a Stage 2 air alert, all burning of solid fuels is prohibited unless a NOASH Waiver has been issued. To get a Stage 1 or NOASH waiver, the appliance must be Borough listed, along with wood burning training and proper wood storage

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