

## Chapter 236

### WOOD-BURNING STOVES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Port Carbon 3-12-1985 by Ord. No. 313-1985. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Code enforcement — See Ch. 102.

Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 106.

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#### **§ 236-1. Installation requirement.**

All wood-burning types of stoves, heaters or similar apparatus within the Borough limits must be installed on a fireproof base and must be attached to a flue-lined chimney of adequate size, as approved by the Fire Chief of the Borough of Port Carbon, and must comply with the standards of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., and the National Fire Protection Association.

#### **§ 236-2. Inspection required.**

No such stove or heating unit or similar apparatus shall be placed in use until inspected and approved by the Fire Chief of the Borough of Port Carbon.

#### **§ 236-3. Discontinuance of use by order of Fire Chief.**

The Fire Chief of the Borough of Port Carbon may order the discontinuance of the use of such stoves or heating devices and may order them disconnected from the chimney of such stoves or heating devices if it constitutes a danger to the occupants of the premises in which they are installed or if they constitute a danger to any other persons or property. In the event a discontinuance of the use of such stoves or devices is ordered by the Fire Chief, such stoves or devices shall not be used for any heating or cooking purposes until they are brought into compliance with the directions of the Fire Chief. In granting permits for the use of such stoves or devices or in ordering the discontinuance of the use thereof, the Fire Chief shall apply the standards for such stoves or devices as promulgated in the Basic Building Code issued by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., (BOCA) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

#### **§ 236-4. Location of units.**

The location of the stove, heating unit and chimney must be erected and located so as not to endanger adjoining properties, when placed in use, by flames or sparks or other substances.

#### **§ 236-5. Chimney maintenance.**

All chimneys to which wood-burning stoves, heaters or similar apparatus are attached must be maintained in a clean and safe condition so as to prevent the buildup of creosote

or other dangerous substances and so as to prevent any other dangerous condition.

**§ 236-6. Violation and penalties. [Amended 4-8-2008 by Ord. No. 1-2008]**

If the owner or the person using such stove, heating unit or chimney shall fail to comply with an order of the Fire Chief of the Borough of Port Carbon upon being advised of a violation of the provisions of this chapter, such person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this chapter and, upon conviction thereof before a Magisterial District Judge, shall be punishable as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I, General Penalty, of this Code.