

ORDINANCE NO. 11
TOWNSHIP OF NEW SCANDIA

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OPEN BURNING, ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 1 GENERAL

- A. The township board shall appoint a Fire Marshal and as many deputy marshals as it deems necessary, with the authority and responsibility to enforce all the provisions of this ordinance. Their term of office shall be indefinite and shall terminate at the pleasure of the township board. The Fire Marshal or his deputies shall have the right to enter any property as it may become necessary for the performance of their duties.
- B. During periods of extreme fire hazard the Fire Marshal may prohibit all types of open fires to include the burning of household rubbish and recreational fires.
- C. When there is no snow cover, all open burning will be limited to the period between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. except for recreational fires.
- D. The open burning of chemicals, oils, rubber and their derivatives is prohibited at all times.
- E. All uncontrolled fires or violations of the provisions of this ordinance shall be immediately reported to the Fire Marshal.

SECTION 11 PERMITS FOR OPEN BURNING

- A. Permits are required for all open fires, except household and recreational, when there is no snow cover. This includes, but is not limited to, the burning of trees, brush, grass, crop lands, crop residues and industrial or commercial wastes. A permit fee of one dollar shall be charged, which sum shall be placed in the fire fund of the township.
- B. Open burning permits are issued by the Fire Marshal or his deputies with the following conditions:
 - 1. Burning shall take place only at the time specified in the permit.
 - 2. The area of burning shall be limited to the designated site approved by the Fire Marshal.

3. That prevailing winds carry smoke away from neighboring dwellings and public roadways.
4. That burning be supervised by an adult during the entire period until the fire is out.
5. That fire control equipment is at hand such as hand sprayers, garden hose and fire extinguishers as appropriate.

SECTION 111 HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Household rubbish, to include leaves, may be burned without permit only in closed fire resistant containers whose top and sides have openings not greater than one inch in diameter. Such containers shall be located to eliminate the ignition of nearby combustible materials and structures and in no case nearer than three feet.

SECTION IV RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires do not require permits but may be prohibited by the Fire Marshal during periods of high fire hazard. Such fires will not be left unattended and must be totally extinguished before leaving the area. Recreational fires on private property will only be built with the owners permission.

SECTION V PENALTY

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION VI EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed this 5th day of June, 1973 by the Town Board of the Township of New Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota.


Township Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Township Clerk