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Sec. 14-19. Open burning.

- (a) *Defined.* For the purpose of this article, the term "open burning" shall mean any fire from which the products of combustion are emitted directly into the open air without passing through a chimney or stack.
- (b) *Enforcement.* The police department shall be responsible for the regulation and enforcement of this section.
- (c) *Prohibited; exceptions.* All open fires are prohibited in the village except:
 - (1) Outdoor fires for cooking, ceremonies and recreation provided that such fires may not burn plastic, rubber, asphalt, oily substances or any materials that will create dense smoke or cause a nuisance.
 - (2) Burning of trees, wood or brush in state department of natural resources approved air circulation destructors or by such other methods approved by the state department of natural resources.
 - (3) Fires burning clean, dry combustible materials used to thaw the ground for street or sewer repairs.
 - (4) Fires set for the practice and instruction of firemen, or testing of firefighting equipment.
 - (5) Burning of brush or weeds on agricultural lands including fires for cropland management, insect and rodent control, provided dense smoke is not created and no nuisance occurs.
 - (6) Open fires for clean, dry, combustible refuse disposal on one- or two-family residential properties or by village maintenance employees on village property, provided that:
 - a. The fires must be out least ten feet from the property line and may not burn wet, combustible rubbish, garbage, oily substances, asphalt, plastic, rubber products or any other material which creates dense smoke or causes a nuisance; and
 - b. If a business is operated from the home or an attached structure, no business refuse may be burned under any condition.
 - (7) Fires for burning of trash or refuse on property which contains a church, school, manufacturing plant, business or property owned by a city, town, or village in the county.
- (d) *Restrictions.* The following restrictions shall apply with regard to allowed burning:
 - (1) Exceptions in subsections (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section have no time limit and do not require the approval of local fire protection authorities.
 - (2) Exceptions in subsections (c)(4) and (c)(5) of this section have no time limit but do require prior approval of local fire protection agencies.
 - (3) Exceptions in subsections (c)(6) and (c)(7) of this section are permitted only between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. except for burning by village employees on village property.
 - (4) On such days when atmospheric conditions are unacceptable for burning, the state department of natural resources will issue an air pollution advisory. When such ail advisory has been issued, all local fire protection agencies shall not grant permission to burn under exceptions in subsections (c)(4) and (c)(5) of this section.

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- (5) There shall be no burning of grass, leaves, brush or other materials in the drainage ditches.
- (6) There shall be no burning of grass leaves, brush or other materials on any property owned and maintained by the village, except by authorized village maintenance employees.

(Prior Code, § 16.07; Ord. No. 15-03, 6-11-2015)

Sec. 14-20. Controlled prairie fires.

No person shall kindle any grass fire within the village without first securing a written permit from the village clerk.

(Prior Code, § 16.08)

Sec. 14-21. Outdoor wood-fired furnaces prohibited.

No person may install an outdoor wood-fired furnace in the village, after July 10, 2008. No person may use or maintain an outdoor wood-fired furnace in the village if that furnace was installed after July 10, 2008. In this section, the term "outdoor wood-burning furnace" means a wood-fired furnace, stove or boiler that is not located within a building intended for human habitation.

(Prior Code, § 16.09)