

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO**

ORDAINS:

SECTION I

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF BURNING ORDINANCE

Section 2 of the Ross Township Burning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 154, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

PROHIBITED BURNING ACTIVITIES

- A. The following burning activities are prohibited at any time and place:
1. The burning of garbage, or any other noxious waste or refuse material.
 2. The burning of vehicle tires or motor oil.
 3. The burning of new or used construction materials
 4. The burning of any substance or material of any kind on the paved portion of any public roadway or other roadway open to the general public.
- B. The following burning activities are prohibited in the circumstances indicated:
1. The burning of any substance or material on any lot/parcel with a total lot/parcel area of less than 1 acre, except for leaves and the burning of otherwise permissible material for campfire purposes.
 2. The burning of any substance or material likely to involve the emission of smoke, fly ash or noxious odor that is unreasonably offensive or disturbing to adjacent property owners and residents or other persons in the area, or to the general public health, safety, or welfare.
 3. The burning of tree or shrubbery debris not originating on the property on which the burning is taking place, or any other materials imported to the property for the primary or secondary purpose of the open burning of same on the property.
 4. The burning of otherwise permissible material for campfire purposes, including as allowed pursuant to subsection B.1. above, where the campfire is not within a defined perimeter or otherwise contained area of nine square feet or less.

SECTION 3

BURNING REGULATIONS

- A. The following regulations apply to otherwise permissible burning activities that are not prohibited pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance.
1. Burning shall be limited to the period of each day from dawn to dusk.
 2. All burning enclosures or areas shall be located at least 10 feet from the right-of-way of any roadway, and at least 10 feet from all property boundary lines, and at least 25 feet from the water's edge of any lake, stream or pond.
 3. A permit shall be obtained from the Ross Township Office or from any officer of the Ross Township-Augusta Fire Department prior to burning any accumulation of wood, brush, or otherwise permissible burning material covering a ground surface area of more than 100 square feet, including the burn-off of farm fields. There shall be no charge or fee for such permit.
 4. All fires must be attended by a responsible person.
 5. Property owner is responsible for any damage, even if a permit is issued.
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New DEQ Open Burning Regulation

Construction and Demolition (C & D) Waste:

The open burning of any C & D waste is prohibited, even if the burning is to be conducted on the person's own property. A person may NOT take C & D waste to another location, such as a household, to be burned. C & D waste should be reused, recycled, or disposed of in a landfill that accepts C & D waste.

For more information about the open burning regulations, visit the DEQ's web site at www.michigan.gov/deq (click on "Air", then "Open Burning Information"). At this web site you will be able to view several open burning publications, download the open burning rules, find alternatives to open burning, as well as several helpful web links. You can also call the DEQ's Clean Air Assistance Program at 800-662-9278