

ORDINANCE #218  
REVISION OF:  
CITY WIDE BURN BAN WITH SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS

The Wheeler City Council adopted a City Burn Ban TO BE IN EFFECT AT ANY TIME THE MAYOR DEEMS NECESSARY.

GUIDELINES:


1. Burning shall be commenced and conducted only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, land strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s).
2. If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-on affected roads.
  - a. The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset and shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In causes where residual fire and or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard conditions. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.
  - b. Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed be less than six miles per hour (mph) (five knots) or greater than 23mph (20 knots during the burn period.
  - c. Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low level atmospheric temperature inversions.


111.221 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSEQUENCES OF OUTDOOR BURNING.

THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT OUTDOOR BURNING UNDER THIS REGULATION DOES NOT EXEMPT OR EXCUSE ANY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FROM THE CONSEQUENCES, DAMAGES, OR INJURIES RESULTING FROM THE BURNING AND DOES NOT EXEMPT OR EXCUSE ANYONE FROM COMPLYING WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS OR ORDINANCES REGULATIONS, AND ORDERS OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES HAVING JURISDICTION , EVEN THOUGH THE BURNING IS OTHERWISE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REGULATION.

Signed this 20th day of FEBRUARY, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR