

INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

TO: Alan Campbell
FROM: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission) Staff
DATE: September 11, 2020
RE: Commission Review of Ordinance No. 2020-4

The above referenced ordinance has been received and will be placed on the Commission's October 6, 2020 meeting agenda for review and consideration.

Ordinances containing fire safety or building laws are not effective until approved by an order of the Commission. The Commission has up to four meetings to make a determination on an ordinance. If an order of approval or denial is not issued by the fourth meeting, the ordinance is automatically approved and effective without an order of the Commission.

The Commission may afford an opportunity for public testimony on the ordinance. Therefore, attendance at the Commission's meeting is encouraged, but not required. To find out when and where the Commission meetings will take place, please visit the Commission's webpage at this link: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/2375.htm>. To obtain a copy of the Commission's agenda for any meeting, visit the Commission's webpage and select the "Meeting Materials" link.

A staff review of your ordinance may be completed prior to a decision being made by the Commission. Any staff reviews that are completed will be provided to you as soon as possible, to allow potential issues to be addressed prior to the Commission meeting. Copies of any staff review will also be delivered to the Commission for consideration.

If the Commission does not make a determination at the meeting, you will be notified and your ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting until such time as a determination is made or the ordinance is deemed approved.

Following a determination of the Commission, an order will be issued in accordance with IC 4-21.5. If for any reason the Commission issues an order of denial of your ordinance, you may adopt a new ordinance, which addresses the Commission's concerns, and resubmit it for approval.

EST. 1859



Greensburg Fire Department

THE CITY OF GREENSBURG

Fire Protection and Building Safety Commission
C/O FPBSC Staff
Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

Re: Adoption of the Greensburg Burn Ordinance

The Greensburg City Council passed Ordinance 2020-4, our new burn ordinance, on July 6th, 2020. A copy of the signed ordinance is supplied with this letter for your review.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Regards,

Alar W Campbell

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The Greensburg Fire Department is dedicated to preserving life and property through the promotion of public safety to the citizens and visitors of Greensburg, Indiana through compassion, dedication, and honorable service.

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ORDINANCE 2020-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1976-3, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING SOME SECTIONS IN THE BURN ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, INDIANA.

Section I. Definitions.

- A. Bonfire: A large fire that is made outside to burn unwanted things, or for pleasure.
- B. Fire Pits: Any metal, stone or landscape rock designed to contain a small domestic fire for personal enjoyment.

Section II. Permits

A permit to burn may be issued in special instances or for special occasions by the Chief of the Greensburg Fire Department. This permit may be obtained at the Greensburg Fire Station at no cost.

Section III. Discontinuance

The Fire Chief is authorized to suspend individuals or City wide burning at any time.

Section IV: Burning Provisions

- A. General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with Section IV(A-I).
- B. Discontinuance. The Fire Chief is authorized to require burning be immediately discontinued if such burning constitutes a hazardous condition.
- C. Exceptions or special use (i.e. fires used for celebrating school pep rallies and fires used for celebrating scouting activities) which may be approved at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- D. Material Restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to build a bonfire or to burn any rags, leaves, large volumes of yard waste, paper, boxes, boards, trash, rubber, garbage, motor vehicles, buildings, rubbish, or refuse of any kind within the City limits without a permit.
- E. Extinguishment authority. When burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for burning has not been obtained, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the authorized fire official, the authorized fire officials may order the extinguishment of the fire.
- F. Wood Fire Pits.
 - 1. Fire in approved Fire Pits must be at least 15 feet from a structure.
 - 2. Fire Pits shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter.
 - 3. Fires in a Fire Pit shall not exceed 2 feet in height.
 - 4. **Firewood, small sticks, charcoal, or starter packs are all that is permitted to be burnt in Fire Pits.**

G. Portable outdoor fireplaces.

1. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
2. **Firewood, small sticks, charcoal, or starter packs are all that is permitted to be burnt in outdoor fireplaces.**

H. Natural/propane gas fire pits shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall be operated at a safe distance of surrounding structures.

I. Attendance. Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment and familiar with any limitations which restrict burning. A knowledgeable person shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

Section V: Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who violates this Ordinance may be fined as follows:

\$100 for first offense

\$200 for second offense

\$500 for third offense or more


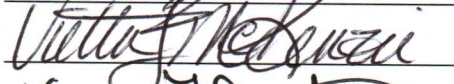

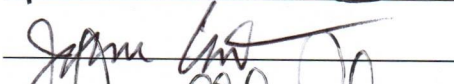
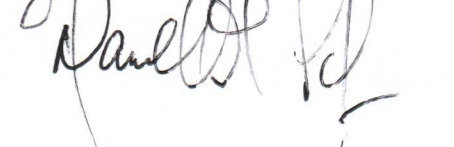
Fines are to be paid to the City Clerk Treasurer and deposited into a Fire Prevention Fund.

Section VI: Any Ordinance or any part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section VII: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval according to law.

ADOPTED AN PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Greensburg, Indiana this

6th day of July, 2020

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Greensburg, Indiana on this 7th day of July, 2020.

Brenda L Dwenger
Brenda Dwenger, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Greensburg, Indiana on this 7 day of July, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

Joshua L Marsh
Joshua Marsh, Mayor