

Recreational Fires

Ordinance # 2023-2

Section I. Purpose. To promote the safety, health and general welfare by regulating the conditions and use of recreational fires in the Town of Greenfield.

Section II. Adoption of Ordinance. The Town Board of the Town of Greenfield hereby adopts the following:

- A. Recreational fire conditions and use as stated in Section III of this ordinance.
- B. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the responsibility or liability of a person for burning anywhere in the Town of Greenfield or for burning in forest, marsh or fields areas as defined, regulated or prohibited by Chapter 26, Wis. Stats., nor serve to affect the liability of persons permitting the fire to escape from their control as further provided in Section 26.14, Wis. Stats.

Section III. Conditions and Use.

- (1) A fire ring is required for all recreational fires. Fire rings are to be less than five (5) feet in diameter with flames not to exceed four (4) feet in height.
- (2) Fire rings are to be a minimum of ten (10) feet from any structure, combustible material, or property lines and should be placed in areas free of low hanging branches.
- (3) Only clean and untreated wood may be burned.
- (4) No recreational fires shall be started when the wind will cause the fire's smoke to be a nuisance for the neighboring property owner(s).
- (5) Active fires shall not be left unattended at any time.
- (6) You must also keep an emergency method of extinguishment nearby and ready to use such as a garden hose or bucket of water.
- (7) Putting a screen over a fire pit is highly recommended.
- (8) Before leaving the fire pit, thoroughly extinguish the flames until the coals are no longer red.
- (9) Home owners shall be liable for the cost of dispatching the Fire Department and all other costs, including fire suppression in the event the fire becomes out of control and the Fire Department responds or the fire is larger than allowed under this ordinance and the Fire Department responds.
- (10) Home owners shall not be allowed to have recreational fires during a period when a "Burning Ban" is in effect. Persons who do not comply at those times shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and will also be liable for costs associated with dispatching the Fire Department, if applicable, and other fire suppression costs.

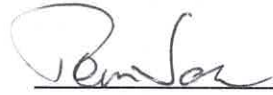
Section IV. Enforcement and Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus the cost of dispatching the department, plus all costs of fire suppression. The Town Board shall establish the current cost of dispatching the department.

Section V. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of

whether one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section VI. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication. The provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail over any previous Ordinances of the Town of Greenfield that are or may be in conflict therewith.

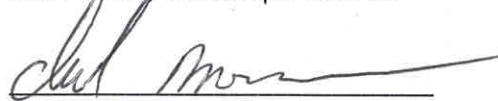
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Tom Jacobs, Town Chair

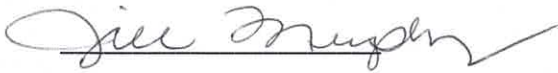


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