

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN BURNING OF ITEMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES.

WHEREAS, in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of North Versailles, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, the Township Commissioners have determined it necessary to implement rules and regulations pertaining to the open burning of items within the Township of North Versailles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME THAT OPEN BURNING SHALL BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

### SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY

This Ordinance applies to all outdoor burning and open burning within the Township of North Versailles.

1. This ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.
2. This ordinance does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation.
3. This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device

intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

**SECTION 2: OPEN BURNING OF TREES, LOGS, BRUSH and STUMPS**

1. The Township of North Versailles shall allow the burning of clean, dry wood products only.
2. Said burning shall only be permitted in an approved outdoor rated fireplace, fire pit, chimenea or 55 gallon drum.
3. No burning shall be permitted between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am.
4. All burning shall take place a minimum of 15 feet away from the nearest structure.
5. All outdoor burning/fires are to be attended at all times by an individual not less than 18 years of age.
6. Adequate means of fire extinguishment must be available at all times when outdoor burning is taking place.
7. Burning at construction sites for the purpose of providing warmth shall only be permitted if the weather is at or below 32°F and said burning shall only take place in a 55 gallon drum suitable for sustaining such fire.
8. Persons utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.
9. All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.
10. No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream, or water body.

11. The Fire Chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the Township of North Versailles, who presents credentials may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3: OPEN BURNING OF REFUSE**

As used in this Ordinance, "Refuse" means any waste material including building supplies, garbage, grass and leaves. It does not include trees, logs, brush, stumps, and other vegetative matter.

Open burning of refuse from a residential, commercial or industrial establishment is prohibited.

**SECTION 4: SUSPENSION OF OPEN BURNING**

The Fire Marshall and the Township Board of Commissioners shall have the power to suspend open burning if they believe that such suspension is best for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of North Versailles.

**SECTION 5: PENALTY**

The Township of North Versailles shall have the power to impose a fine of not more than \$250 for each violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6: CONFLICT**

Any Ordinance, Resolution, or part thereof in conflict herewith, is hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**SECTION 7: AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Commissioners for the Township of North Versailles is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

ATTEST

NORTH VERSAILLES TOWNSHIP

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Kathy Merolillo  
Township Secretary

By:



Dennis Dull  
President, North  
Versailles Board of  
Commissioners