

An ordinance to amend Section 34-3 of the Village of Fontana Municipal Code to define recreational fires

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section I. Section 34-3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, is hereby amended to read as follows:


Sec. 34-3. Burning prohibited.


- (a) No person shall do any outside burning, with the exception of recreational fires, within the village unless they first secure a written permit signed by the fire chief and the chairman of the environmental committee. No permit shall be issued for burning on or within five feet of the paved surface of a street or alley.
- (b) No person who has been issued a written permit under this section may burn any brush, weeds, prairie or grassland areas, except in compliance with the following requirements:
- (1) The perimeter of an area to be burned must be a safe distance, at least 15 feet, from any structure, utility pole, overhead wires or any other combustible material.
 - (2) There shall at all times be in place sufficient firefighting implements and personnel at the scene while burning is in progress to control the fire. All fires shall be attended at all times.
 - (3) No burning shall take place between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekends or holidays, except for recreational fires. Recreational fire is defined as a fire for the intention of gathering around for entertainment, cooking, or warmth similar to a campfire. The fire shall be 5 feet or less in diameter or no more than 5 feet tall and be placed no closer than 15 feet to any building, structure, or other flammable material. Recreational burning does not include fires in grills, fireplaces, or similar fire enclosure devices.
- (c) Any burning conducted under this section shall be done in a safe and nuisance-free manner in accordance with any village fire department rules and regulations at such times, locations and manner as may be specified by the fire department.
- (d) Burning permits may be canceled by the fire chief or the chairman of the environmental committee by written notice to the permit holder at any time.
- (e) Burning permits issued under this section shall specify the term of the permit, which in no case shall be more than seven days from the date of issuance.
- (f) No burning shall be undertaken by a contractor, subcontractor, homeowner or any other person in the course of clearing a lot or parcel of land for construction purposes.
- (Code 1989, § 10.33(1)--(5), (8))

Section II. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Approved and Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin this 12th day of September, 2005.

Village Board of the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake

By: 
Thomas W. Whowell, President

Attest: 
Dennis L. Martin, Clerk