

Towns of Farmington Burning Ordinance 2-2006

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, hereby repeals ordinance 1991-A, and does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Incineration or open burning of any nature in the Town of Farmington shall be prohibited throughout the Town of Farmington. A special permit to burn in the Town of Farmington may be secured from the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief or Assistant Chiefs or their designees. No burning may take place without a special permit, and the special permit must be obtained in advance, and in writing, specifying the time and place of the intended burning. No permit will be required for burning barrels or campfire rings measuring no more than two (2) feet across, Campfire rings will have bare mineral soil exposed, or other nonflammable material such as rock, brick or concrete for a distance of 2 feet from the ring. Any fires from a burning barrel or campfire ring, resulting in a fire department response will be responsible for extinguishment costs, the minimum of which is \$100.

Section 2: Nothing herein shall limit the responsibility or liability of a person for burning anywhere in the Town of Farmington, or for burning in forest, marsh or field area as defined, regulated or prohibited by Chapter 26, Wisconsin Statutes, nor serve to affect the liability of persons permitting the fire to escape from their control as further provided in Section 26.14(9)(b), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 3: The Farmington Volunteer Fire Department or its designee shall set such rules as it deems necessary for determining the appropriateness of issuing a special permit to burn in the Town of Farmington. If any questions regarding the appropriateness exist, the Fire Chief or his/her designee will make the final decision. During town wide burning bans declared by the Fire Chief and/or Town Chairman, all open burning including burning barrels and campfire rings is prohibited.

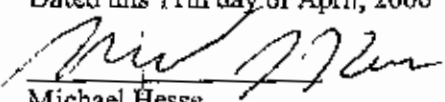
Section 4: Only one warning will be issued per resident or property owner. Any subsequent responses after the issuance of the first warning may result in the issuance of a bill being generated for fire suppression costs.

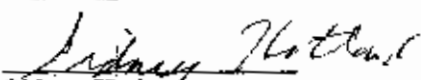
Section 5: The Fire Chief or his/her designee who presents proper identification may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this burning ordinance. Any response made to an open burn without a permit will require the fire department to extinguish the fire until the proper permit is obtained.

Section 6: Any person violating any provision of this ordinance may be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$750 in addition to costs of fire suppression and prosecution, and in the event of a default of such fines and costs, by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days.

Section 7: This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage, approval, and posting.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2006


Michael Hesse,
Chairman


Sidney Hetland,
Clerk