

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING OUTDOOR
FIRES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COOPER AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Cooper Township, Montour County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. No person, firm, association or corporation shall set or maintain any fire upon any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys or public grounds in the Township of Cooper, Montour County, Pennsylvania, or burn or cause to be burned thereon any paper, boxes, rubbish, leaves or any other kind of substance, nor shall any person or persons set or maintain any fire or cause to be burned any substance or material of any kind, out-of-doors, anywhere in the Township of Cooper, except between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. prevailing time on Monday through Saturday. No burning shall take place on Sundays.

Section 1 a.) Out-of-door fires shall be permitted only upon private property in Cooper Township, and shall be spaced at least twenty (20.00) feet from any building, property line or road line. With the exception of the burning of hedgerows and clearance of brush which is too large to insert in a container, said fires must be confined in a non-combustible container, covered with a wire screen of one-half (1/2) or smaller mesh. Said non-combustible container must be kept in good repair and condition with air (draft holes) to cause the fire to bum hot and quickly. Nothing wet shall be burned. A responsible adult must be present at all times when out-of-door burning takes place.

Section 1 b.) No smoke, emissions or smoldering shall be allowed after the burning cutoff time and all burning shall be done in a well-ventilated non-combustible container as stated above to keep any emissions to the least amount possible.

SECTION 3. No garbage, offal, tires, rubber, or plastics may be burned at any time either indoors or out-of-doors within the Township of Cooper. Any waste burned must be the result of "normal occupancy." This does not include demolition waste, home insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulated rubber coating on copper wire, old television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts and batteries. These must be disposed of according to solid-waste regulations.

SECTION 4. The Chief of the Danville Borough Fire Company, or the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, may prohibit any and all outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of up to Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, and the cost of prosecution, and in default of the payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

SECTION 6. The Township hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Township that it would have adopted all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Enacted and Ordained this 13th day of June, 2002.

TOWNSHIP OF COOPER

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