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11.01 FIRE PROTECTION

(1) FIRE INSPECTION SERVICES. The River Falls Fire Association, or such other association or department furnishing fire protection service to the Town, under contract with the Town, shall provide all inspection services of public buildings and places of employment at a frequency of a minimum of once per calendar year for properties requiring inspection, provided the interval between those inspections does not exceed fifteen (15) months.

(2) FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES.

(a) State Authority. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 60.55, 60.557 and 66.0627, the Town hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by or billed to the Town for fire department calls to public and/or private real and personal property located in the Town. It is intended that by the procedure established hereunder, the Town shall fully recover the amounts billed to it for fire department response calls to public and/or private real and personal property located in the Town in those instances when the response is to a call from, or to the property of, the property owners who are the subject of the call.

(b) Liability for Fire Protection Costs. The owners of real or personal property within the Town for which fire protection is provided, and for which the Town is charged by any responding fire department, shall be responsible for the full costs of the fire calls made to their property as established in the list of current charges (fee schedule) of the River Falls Rural Fire Association, as from time to time established by the Association and/or City of River Falls.

(c) Liability for Fires Intentionally Started. Every property owner who plans to intentionally start a fire for any purpose on his/her/their property must have a valid and current Town of River Falls Annual Burning Permit and must abide by all guidelines set forth in the permit, including, but not limited to, the obligation to notify the Pierce County Non-Emergency Dispatch Office of the Pierce County Sheriff Department before any such fire is started and shall only allow such fire to burn in accordance with any additional instructions received from the Pierce County Non-Emergency Dispatch at the Pierce County Sheriff Department. The property owner shall be responsible for all costs of any fire department call made in response to any such intentionally started fire, even where the response is accidental and/or not necessary.

(d) Billing and payment procedure. The cost of fire calls, as outlined above, shall be billed by the Town Treasurer, to the parties involved in the fire call incident. The bill for a fire call and the first letter of payment due shall be sent to individuals responsible for the cost of the fire call with a demand for payment within 30 days. Fire call appeals to the Town Board must be made within 30 days of receipt of the bill. If payment is not made within 30 days, a

second letter and invoice shall be sent. If payment is not made following the second notice, a third letter and invoice shall be sent. If, after 90 days, the fire call bill is unpaid, interest shall accrue at the current Town Board established interest rate. If unpaid after 120 days, the fire call bill, with interest added, shall be sent to a collection agency or if the fire call is in response to a real property incident, the fire call shall accrue interest through November 1 of the billing year, at which time it will be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge payable pursuant to Wis. Stat. §74.11.

(3) ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY BURNING PERMITS.

(a) Permit Required for Open Burning.

1. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 23.12, 23.14, 60.55, 60.555 and 101.14, as hereafter amended, and this Chapter, every person shall obtain a fire safety permit for any fire to be ignited outdoors in the Town of River Falls.

2. The permit may be issued by any member of the Town Board or authorized Town staff, on an annual basis. All such permits will expire on December 31. It must be issued prior to igniting the fire and must be in the possession of the permittee at the time of the burn. The applicant must be over 18 years of age. A burning permit fee may be established by the Town Board, to be paid prior to issuance of the permit.

3. The permit may not be amended to change the date, premises or other provision of the permit. It may not be transferred from one person or entity to another.

4. No permit shall be valid until the permittee has notified the Pierce County Sheriff's Department of the time and place of the burn. An officer of the Town Board may inspect the premises for which a permit is issued at any time during the period of the permit.

5. The permit form shall include:

a. The name of the landowner and the applicant;

b. The address of the applicant;

c. The phone number of the landowner and the applicant;

d. Date of application;

e. Location of burn;

105	f. The type, source, and amount of material to be burned;
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107	g. Any restriction or regulations by set by the Town Chair or authorized
108	Town staff member issuing the permit.
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110	(b) Exemptions.
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112	1. Persons who burn materials authorized by Wisconsin Statutes, in a stove,
113	furnace or incinerator, inside a building.
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115	2. Persons who burn charcoal or other combustible materials for domestic
116	cooking outdoors at their residence, or in a public park. This exemption
117	does not apply if the Town Board or the Department of Natural Resources
118	(DNR) declares a fire emergency.
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120	3. Persons who burn charcoal or other combustible material in a grill, or
121	camp fire, for domestic cooking or heating at a campsite.
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123	(c) Noncompliance. A person may be denied a permit if within the past two
124	years the permittee has:
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126	1. Failed to prevent, or attempt to prevent open fire intentionally ignited
127	without a permit.
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129	2. Failed to establish adequate fire protection or failed to undertake required
130	fire prevention activities at the permitted location.
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132	3. Failed to install or maintain adequate fire safety equipment during the
133	permitted use where required as a condition of the permit.
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135	4. Failed to prevent burning activities at the permitted burning location not
136	authorized by the permit.
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138	5. Failed to prevent any burning activities within 25 feet of any structure.
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140	6. Failed to allow a Town Board member physical access to the burning site
141	for fire inspection purposes.
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143	(d) Materials.
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145	1. No person shall ignite, or cause to be ignited, any fire outdoors in the
146	Town except with a permit. The only material to be burned is brush, clean
147	wood, grass, dry leaves or paper.
148	mood, grass, dry reares or paper.
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149 150		2. No person shall intentionally or negligently, ignite a fire to any building, structure or equipment, unless said person obtains permits where
151		necessary from County, State or DNR.
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153		3. The following material may not be burned at any time:
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155		a. Wet combustible rubbish
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157		b. Garbage
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161		d. Asphalt
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163		e. Plastic and rubber products
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165		f. Rubber tires and greasy rags
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167		g. Insecticide, pesticide or paint container
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169		h. Any material that can be recycled (See Chapter 19 of the General
170		Code)
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172		(e) Definitions. Whenever any of the following terms are used in this Chapter,
173		such terms shall be deemed and construed to have the meaning ascribed to
174		them as follows:
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176		BRUSH. Clean woody vegetative material, less than six inches in diameter -
177		does not include stumps.
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179		CAMPFIRE. A small outdoor fire for the sole purpose of cooking or warmth,
180		in a controlled situation, where a fire break of rocks or ground is provided.
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182		FIRE SAFETY BURNING PERMIT. A form authorized by the Town Board,
183		which grants permission to burn only under certain conditions.
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185	11.02	WASTE MANAGEMENT.
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187	(1)	PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to regulate and control the management
188		of wastes through constructed waste facilities within the Town so as to protect the
189		health, safety, and welfare of the public.
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191	(2)	DEFINITIONS.
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193		COUNTY. Pierce County, Wisconsin.
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DISPOSAL. Includes, but is not limited to, discharging, storing, burying, incinerating, chemically treating, biologically treating, unloading, throwing away, discarding, emptying, abandoning or burning waste, garbage, refuse or sludge on, into, or under any property or lands, whether publicly or privately owned within the Town.

MUNICIPALITY. Any city, village or town.

REFUSE. Combustible and noncombustible discarded material including, but not limited to, trash, rubbish, paper, wood, metal, glass, plastic, rubber, cloth, ashes, litter and street rubbish, all industrial wastes, hospital wastes, dead animals, mine tailings, gravel pit and quarry spoils, toxic and hazardous wastes and material and debris resulting from construction or demolition.

WASTE. All refuse, garbage, and all other discarded or salvageable material, including waste materials from industrial, commercial and agricultural operations, excepting animal wastes resulting from a farm operation on lands zoned for agricultural use, and from domestic use and public service activities.

WASTE FACILITY. Includes, but is not limited to, landfills, biological treatment plants, incinerators, chemical treatment plants, intermediate storage areas and compaction plants.

WATER. Includes, but is not limited to, water from deep aquifers, springs, wells and surface waters used by farm animals and wildlife, and for the growing of edible plants.

(3) PERMIT REQUIRED. Except as expressly permitted in section 11.02(4) of the General Code, no individual, corporation, municipality or county shall dispose of any waste or refuse or operate any constructed waste facility within the Town, unless a permit to engage in such disposal or operation is first obtained from the Town under the conditions or restrictions prescribed herein.

(4) EXCEPTIONS. The following shall not be deemed to come within the scope or meaning of this section:

(a) Sites used for the composting or temporary storage of waste, garbage or refuse from a single family or household, a member of which is the owner, occupant or lessee of the property provided, however, that such waste, garbage or refuse is placed in suitable containers or stored or disposed of in such other way as to not cause a public or private nuisance.

(b) The use of sanitary privies and what are commonly known as seepage beds or septic tanks, which conform to applicable ordinances of the Town, or the discharge of human waste products into a public sewage system located within the Town.

241 242 (c) A farm on which only animal waste or other refuse of a biological nature, 243 resulting from the operation of the farm on lands zoned for agricultural use, 244 are disposed of. 245 246 (5) GENERAL DIRECTIVES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. 247 248 (a) There shall be no more than one waste facility of any kind permitted in the 249 Town. 250 251 (b) If the waste facility is a landfill, it shall be built of the most modern double-252 lined construction as described in the most current EPA regulations. 253 254 (c) If the waste facility is a landfill, only incinerated waste or otherwise processed 255 and equivalently detoxified waste may be deposited therein. Such incinerated 256 waste or ash is subject to limitations of Section 11.02(5)(d). 257 258 (d) No incinerated material or ash shall be put in the landfill if it contains any 259 radioactive material, heavy metal, or other residual toxic materials as defined 260 by the Wisconsin DNR or the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Proper disposal of such incinerator material or ash arriving at the 261 262 landfill is the responsibility and expense of the owner-operator. 263 264 (e) No waste facility shall receive deposits generated or collected from anywhere 265 other than Pierce County. 266 267 (f) Before any waste facility for the benefit of Pierce County or any part thereof is permitted to be constructed in the Town, the County shall have in operation 268 269 mandatory recycling, composting, and other practices as part of a 270 comprehensive waste management program, so as to minimize the volume of wastes and refuse to be disposed. 271 272 273 (g) If the waste facility is a landfill, it shall at a minimum be sited and operated in 274 accordance and compliance with prescriptions, codes, laws, and operating 275 procedures of the State and the United States and, additionally, within the 276 requirements of this section. Specifically, a landfill may only be of the double 277 clay lined type where the separation distance between the seasonal high 278 groundwater table and the bottom of the lower clay liner shall be at least 10 279 feet or according to standards currently approved by the DNR if such 280 standards are more restrictive than the standards herein. In any event, no 281 landfill may be built where any part of its base lies beneath the groundwater 282 table. 283 284 (h) If the facility is an incinerator, it shall be of the most modern design and shall 285 be equipped to include, but not limited to, emission controls, filtration devices 286 and scrubbers to maintain air quality standards as specified by the Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources and/or by the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency.

(i) If the facility is an incinerator, it shall be sited in accordance with codes, laws,

located no closer than 2000 feet to any existing building.

(j) The Town shall be given a complete site plan, facility plan, operating procedures, environmental impact statement, and monitoring plan prior to the permit applicant taking any action toward permitting use or operation of the facility. Approval by the Town of such plans, procedures, and statements is a condition precedent to obtaining the Town permit.

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(k) Operation of the waste facility shall be in strict compliance with the approved plans, procedures, and statements. No changes in the facility or its operations shall be made without prior approval by the Town.

(l) If the waste facility is a landfill, the operator/owner shall provide funds to the Town to pay for the training and continuing employment of a Town employee trained in waste management, who will continuously monitor the waste facility and its operation, and will review all records of the facility, State inspections, and other pertinent data as they occur.

(m) If elevated concentrations of toxic materials occur in monitored sites, the Town shall have the right to close the facility until the level of contaminants is reduced to levels below the standards set by the Wisconsin DNR and/or U.S. EPA.

(n) At least 2 years prior to the initiation of operations of a landfill facility, regular groundwater monitoring shall be initiated and conducted by the State Hygiene Laboratory at the prospective owner-operator's expense. The purpose of such monitoring will be to provide a base for future monitoring. This monitoring shall be done in a circular area, with a 3 mile radius from the facility site. After initiation of operations, the owner-operator of the landfill will conduct monthly groundwater monitoring and will immediately provide the results of such monitoring to the Town waste management employee.

(o) At least 2 years prior to the initiation of operations of an incinerator, regular air quality monitoring shall be initiated by a qualified State laboratory at the prospective owner-operator's expense, in order to provide a base for future monitoring. This monitoring shall be conducted in that circular area lying within the 5 mile radius from the approximate center of the proposed site. After initiation of operation, the owner/operator of the landfill will conduct monthly air quality monitoring and will immediately provide the results of such monitoring to the Town waste management employee.

333 (p) If concentrations of contaminants are found to have elevated beyond State and 334 national health safety standards for water or air at any time during operations 335 or after the operation of the waste facility has ceased, affected residents of the 336 Town shall have the option to have medical examinations and treatment. All 337 such medical examinations and treatments shall be at the expense of the 338 owner-operator of the facility. 339 340 (q) The owner-operator shall be liable for providing adversely affected residents 341 of the Town means for obtaining clean, safe drinking water. These means 342 include, but are not limited to, funds for redrilling wells, providing temporary 343 bottled drinking water, connecting to a safe municipal water supply and the 344 like. 345 346 (r) The owner-operator of the waste facility shall be responsible for all expenses 347 relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of the facility including, 348 but not limited to, road improvements and repairs, and site preparation. 349 350 (s) Any damage caused to the environment or surrounding property by the 351 existence or operation of the waste facility shall be repaired by the 352 owner/operator of the waste facility. 353 354 (t) Prior to the issuance of the Town permit, the owner/operator shall covenant, in 355 writing, to protect property and agricultural land values that may be adversely affected by the presence of the waste facility or by nuisance, noise, traffic, or 356 357 contamination resulting from the facility. Such protection shall obtain to a 358 radius of 5 miles from the facility site and shall be enforceable in a private 359 action by any adversely affected owner of property within such radius. 360 361 APPLICATION. There shall be public hearings on any proposal to develop and 362 operate a waste facility. At least one such hearing shall include the general proposal and rationale for siting a constructed waste management facility within 363 364 the Town. At least one such hearing shall include presentation of the site plan, 365 facility plan, operating procedures, environmental impact statement, and monitoring plans. Applications related thereto shall be on file with the Town 366 367 Clerk at least 45 days prior to any public hearing. 368 369 (7) HEARINGS. Public hearings shall be held under the following terms: 370 371 (a) Public notice of such hearing shall be given as a Class 3 notice as described in 372 Wis. Stat. §985.07. 373 374 (b) The cost of publication of such notices shall be deposited by the applicant in 375 advance. 376

(c) Public hearings shall be held on the date specified in the notices or any

adjourned date; however, such public hearings shall be merely advisory in

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regard to affecting any action which may be taken by the Town Board upon such application for a permit.

BOND AND REVOCATION OF PERMIT. The Town Board reserves the right to require the permit applicant to post a bond in an amount set by the Board, a condition of which will be that this section shall be observed, the waste facility and management plan will be carried out as described, any financial obligations accruing thereto shall be paid and that if economic loss occurs to any one or several of the residents of the Town, that loss shall be paid. Where there is a violation of this Section, or if the waste facility permittee fails to perform in accordance with the Town-approved plans, procedures and environmental impact limit, the Town Board may revoke the waste facility operating permit and may obtain a court order enjoining the use or continued use of such operation. In addition to the foregoing, if the owner-operator/permittee of the waste facility does not immediately restore or bring into compliance the facility, operations and polluted surroundings in accordance with the approved plans, procedures and environmental impact limits, the Town Board may, but is not required to, take immediate action to correct the violation or failure to perform and charge all costs of correcting same against the bond. In the event the bond is insufficient to cover all cost of correction, the Town may proceed against the owner-operator/permittee for all such costs not covered by the bond.

(9) ISSUANCE. The application for a permit shall be processed within 120 days of the receipt thereof and shall be issued if the Town Board is satisfied that there has been and will continue to be strict compliance with the conditions enumerated herein.

(10) REVOCATION. The permit, once issued, may be revoked, after public hearing upon a published Class I notice by the Town, at any time if any of the conditions necessary for the issuance thereof or any terms of this section are violated.

(11) STATE LAW ALSO APPLIES. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit or restrict the application of any State law or administrative regulation of any State agency regulating the subject of this section.

(12) REFERENCES. References to the terms "Person," "anyone" or like references shall be deemed to refer to a person, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation and also a member, officer or managing agent of any sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. References to owner-operator apply to both the owner and operator of a waste facility or the anticipated owner and operator, where appropriate.

(13) TOWN LIABILITY. The act of granting a permit to an applicant or the act of the operation of a waste facility or any related preparatory or maintenance related activity in the Town shall not create any liability whatsoever on the part of the

Town to any person or entity for personal injury or property damage caused by the location, operation of a waste facility or related activities within the Town.

11.03 HOLDING TANKS.

(1) A "holding tank" is a watertight receptacle, approved by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, or such other Department having jurisdiction, for the collection and holding of sewage. It is a receptacle which must be periodically pumped so that the contents are removed there from and disposed in a safe and sanitary method.

(2) Holding tanks shall be permitted in connection with a replacement or failed system upon approval of the Town Board and only where it is demonstrated no other sewage disposal system is adequate for the premises.

(a) Any applicant for a holding tank permit shall pay the permit application fee as is from time to time determined by the Town Board. The applicant shall prepare and submit an application, with the fee, to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting at which the application shall be reviewed. The application fee shall be non-refundable in the event the application is denied. The deposit shall be refundable in the event the application is denied.

(b) In the event the Town replaces or pumps a failing system the cost thereof shall be assessed to the property owner, and if not paid becomes a special charge against the property upon which the holding tank is located.

(3) Holding tanks shall be permitted with respect to non-residential uses only where State approved permits are obtained and special approval is granted by the Town Board. Factors to be used by the Board in determining whether to grant a permit for a holding tank, to a commercial or industrial user, shall include the availability and practicality of an alternate sewage system, the expense thereof, and the general health and welfare of the public.

(4) The Town Board may authorize a variance from the terms of this Section using the criteria set forth in Section 11.01(3).

(5) Any permit issued hereunder shall specify that the Town or its designated agent may go upon the premises at any reasonable time, without notice, to inspect the holding tank to determine its condition and to assure it is being pumped when necessary. In addition, the permit shall provide that the Town shall be furnished a duplicate of the key which locks the holding tank cover lock.

11.04 RIVER PROTECTION.

(1) TITLE AND PURPOSE. This section is entitled the "Town of River Falls River Protection Ordinance". The purpose is to protect the Trimbelle, South Fork and

470 471 472		Kinnickinnic River Areas as aesthetic resources, as well as a fish and wildlife resource, so that the Trimbelle, South Fork and Kinnickinnic River Areas may be enjoyed by the community.
473 474 475 476	(2)	DEFINITIONS. Whenever any of the following terms are used in this section, such terms shall be deemed and construed to have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:
477		us follows:
478 479		(a) COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY means the sale or rental of goods or services within the River Areas, and includes, but is not limited to, renting,
480 481 482		transporting, providing access for, or otherwise engaging and providing services for watercraft.
483 484 485 486 487		(b) MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT means any watercraft equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion, and includes but is not limited to motor boats, jet skis, wet bikes, surf jets, hover craft, and air boats.
488 489 490 491		(c) NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT means watercraft which is not motorized, but which is used and/or designed for navigation, transportation, or floatation on water, and includes, but is not limited to, canoes, kayaks, rafts, air mattresses, paddle boats, and inner tubes.
492 493 494 495		(d) OPERATE means the physical manipulation or activation of any of the controls of a motorized watercraft necessary to put it in motion.
496 497 498		(e) PERSON extends and applies to natural persons, firms, corporations, associations, partnerships or other bodies politic.
498 499 500 501 502		(f) RIVER AREAS means the channels of the Trimbelle, South Fork and Kinnickinnic Rivers and those areas subject to flooding of the same, all within the Town.
503 504 505		(g) WATERCRAFT means any device used and/or designed for navigation, floatation, or transportation on water.
506 507 508	(3)	PROHIBITION OF OPERATION OF MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT. No person shall operate a motorized watercraft in the River Areas within the Town.
509 510	(4)	EXCEPTIONS. The prohibitions in Section 11.03(3), do not apply to:
511 512		(a) Any motorized watercraft owned, operated, or controlled by an agency of the United States, the State, the County, or the Town; or
513514515		(b) Any motorized watercraft engaged in bonafide emergency rescue operations.

(5) PROHIBITION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. No person shall engage in any commercial activity in the River Areas within the Town.
 11.05 HUNTING. No hunting or trapping with gun, bow, raptor or otherwise shall be permitted on any property owned by the Town unless a permit thereafter is first obtained from the Town Board. No permit shall be issued except where the Town Board deems

from the Town Board. No permit shall be issued except where the Town Board deems such hunting or trapping necessary for the purpose of animal control which in the opinion of the Board is in the best interest of the public and appropriate for the general welfare of wildlife. Where licenses are required no permit shall be issued until proof of same is furnished the Town.

11.06 SOLID FUEL-FIRED OUTDOOR HEATING DEVICES

(1) Definitions.

(a) SOLID FUEL-FIRED OUTDOOR HEATING DEVICE: Any equipment, device or apparatus, or any part thereof, which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat for any interior space or water source.

(b) CHIMNEY: Any vertical structure enclosing a flue or flues that carry off smoke or exhaust from a solid fuel fired outdoor heating device, especially that part of such structures extending above a roof.

(c) NONLOCAL WOOD: Wood raised or cut more than 25 miles from the Town of River Falls boundary.

(2) Regulations.

(a) Solid fuel fired outdoor heating devices installed within Town of River Falls limits are required to meet current emission standards required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Current emission standards required by the EPA are hereby adopted by reference together with any amendments or modifications made to them in the future.

(b) Solid fuel fired outdoor heating devices shall be installed, operated and maintained in strict conformance with the manufacturer's instructions and the regulations promulgated hereunder. In the event of a conflict, the regulations promulgated hereunder shall apply unless the manufacturer's instructions are stricter, in which case the manufacturer's instructions shall apply.

(c) Homemade solid fuel fired outdoor heating devices will be allowed in the Town of River Falls provided the owner shows evidence that such devices meet EPA standards.

562 563	(3)	Substantive Requirements. All outdoor devices shall be installed, operated and maintained pursuant to the following conditions:
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565		(a) Fuel shall be only natural untreated wood, wood products, corn products, or
566		biofuels specifically permitted by the manufacturer.
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568		(b) The following fuels are strictly prohibited:
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570		1. Processed wood products and other non-wood products not permitted by
571		manufacturers.
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573		2. Gasoline
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575		3. Garbage
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577		4. Painted or treated wood
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579		5. Tires
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581		6. Non-local wood
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583		7. Any other items not specifically allowed by the manufacturer or this
584		provision
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586		(c) Chimney heights and device location shall be:
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588		1. Within property setbacks per town and county requirements
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590		2. At least 100 feet from any dwelling not served by the device
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592		3. Minimum chimney heights per manufacturer. If located within 100 feet to
593		300 feet of any dwelling not served by the device it is recommended that
594		the stack be at least 2 feet higher than the peak of that dwelling.
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596		4. Height and location of device is at homeowner's risk
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598		PENALTY. Except as otherwise provided, any person found to be in violation of
599	any pi	rovisions of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 25.04.