

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

Outdoor Wood-Fired Furnaces Ordinance

Town of Brooklyn, Green Lake County, State of Wisconsin

**SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this Ordinance is the Town of Brooklyn Outdoor Wood-Fired Furnaces Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to limit the use of outdoor wood-fired furnaces in certain areas of the town where they would not be appropriate.

**SECTION II – OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED FURNACES.**

1. “Outdoor Wood-Fired Furnace” means a wood-fired furnace, stove or boiler that is not located within a building intended for habitation by humans or domestic animals.
2. No person shall install, use or maintain an outdoor wood-fired furnace in areas that are zoned commercial or industrial.
3. The outdoor wood-fired furnace shall be installed and used only in an area zoned for residential or agricultural use.
4. The outdoor wood-fired furnace shall not be used to burn any of the following:
  - A. Rubbish or garbage including but not limited to food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.
  - B. Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery subject to the restrictions in Chapter NR 590, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
  - C. Asphalt and products containing asphalt.
  - D. Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.
  - E. Any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers.
  - F. Rubber including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.
  - G. Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, container board, office paper and other materials that must be recycled in accordance with the recycling ordinance.

H. Must install a smokestack that is at least 15 feet tall (and taller than nearby structures) to divert smoke away from neighbors.

I. OWBs shall be placed at least 300-500 feet from the neighbor's buildings.

J. OWBs shall be required to provide sufficient air to the fire – never let it smolder.

### SECTION III – PENALTY

In addition to any other action, any person violating this Ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 for each violation.

### SECTION IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective on publication or posting. The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this Ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats. Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

By the Town Board of the Town of Brooklyn:

  
Michael Wuest, Town Chairman

Attested by:

  
Amy Wesenberg, Town Clerk