

**VILLAGE OF OXFORD - MARQUETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**RESOLUTION 2025-7 – OPEN BURNING**

**A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE IN THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 30 – PUBLIC SAFETY, sec. 30-24 - OPEN BURNING AS OF AUGUST 13, 2025. Sec. 30-24. – Open burning.**

(a) Prohibited generally. No person, firm or corporation shall build any outdoor fire within the corporate limits of the village except as set forth in subsection (b) of this section. This prohibition on burning includes burning construction waste and debris at construction sites, rubbish, garbage, trash, plastic, furniture, mattresses, or any material made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based material and may not contain flammable or combustible materials.

(b) Exceptions.

- (1) Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device or structure designed for such use is permissible
- (2) Outdoor campfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed, provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such as a fire ring or pit.
- (3) Controlled burning of grass, leaves, brush, clean wood or similar vegetation for environmental management purposes of ½ acre or less and piles smaller than 6'x6'x6'. Areas larger than ½ acre and piles larger than 6'x6'x6' require prior written approval of the fire chief, may be permitted.
- (4) Other occasions of desirable outdoor burning not specified by this subsection (b), but not as an alternative to refuse removal or disposal of which other methods are available, may be granted single occasion approval as in subsections (b)(2) of this section.

€ Authority of fire chief. The fire chief is permitted to prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

(d) Burning on streets. No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, or **alley**.

€ Liability. Any person utilizing and maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

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Jim Drinkwater, President

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