

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

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ORDINANCE 145 (amended): REGULATING ANY OUTDOOR FIRES

The Village of Dorchester does ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person shall kindle or maintain any fire, or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained, on or in any public street, alley, road, or other public ground. Camp fires in designated areas of the park for paying camping customers will be exempt from this ordinance. During any construction or demolition of buildings or structures no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity.

Section 2. No person shall intentionally kindle or maintain any open fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land with the exception of within a fire ring. Any fire being kindled or maintained in any outdoor container (fire ring) requires a permit issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer annually. All fire rings cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter and must be 21 feet from any structures. The burning of garbage or refuse that smolders or gives off noxious odors is prohibited. No fire shall be left unattended at any time and supervised by an adult (18 years old or older). Fire/flame cannot exceed 3 feet in height above the ground. All fires are prohibited when State or Local burning bans are enforced. Only clean dry wood can be burned in a fire ring. Painted or varnished wood, wood with nails or household waste or rubbish cannot be burned. Due to regard for neighbors, consider wind direction of smoke. Neighbor complaints of smoke could be cause to extinguish fire. Local police officers have the discretion and authority to revoke a permit. Homeowners are responsible for providing proof of fire permit when requested.

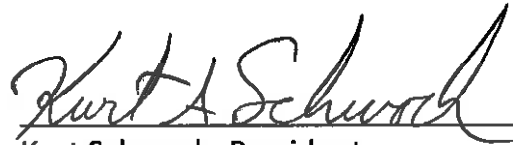
Section 3. The Chief of Police may prohibit any and all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Section 4. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed at a regular session of the Village Board this 2nd day of December, 2019.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.


Kurt Schwoch, President

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Brooke Bruesewitz, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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