Outdoor and Open Barrel Burning Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose

1.00 Purpose

This ordinance is intended to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety, welfare of the citizens of Powell Township, Marquette County, Michigan by regulating the air pollution and fire hazards of open burning and outdoor barrel burning.

2.00 General Prohibition On Outdoor Burning And Open Barrel Burning

Open burning and outdoor barrel burning are prohibited in the Village of Big Bay, and area's of Powell Township unless the burning is specifically permitted by this ordinance.

2.1 This ordinance does not apply to Grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.

2.2 This ordinance does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat hi a stove, furnace or other heating device.

2.3 This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

2.4 This ordinance does not apply to campfires contained in a fire pit or manufactured enclosure intended for recreational cooking and enjoyment.

2.5 The use of burn barrels and the burning of trash is prohibited within the village area limits of Big Bay, and areas of Powell Township where neighboring residences are closer than 200' feet.

During the time the ground is snow covered, burn barrels covered with the required screen, with holes no larger than V_2 " inch be permitted in the areas of Powell Township that meet the required minimum distance of 200' feet from the next residence.

3.00 Burning Of Trees, Logs, Brush, Stumps, Leaves And Grass Clippings.

Open burning of trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clipping is permitted in Powell Township, Marquette County, Michigan. Must be a minimum distance of 200' from the next residence and requires a burning permit. The permit may be secured from the Michigan DNR..

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