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ORDINANCE NO. ~~874~~

An Ordinance enacting regulations and rules governing the burning of trash, rubbish, waste material and the like, limiting the hours of such burning and providing for penalties for the violation of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Buffalo Township is aware of a shortage of voluntary firemen available to serve between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and as a result, believe that the burning of trash, rubbish, waste material and the like in the outdoors in an open fire during these hours, during the months of March through July, creates a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Buffalo Township.

Now, therefore, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person(s), partnership, association, firm or corporation to burn or cause to be burned, trash, rubbish, waste materials and the like in the outdoors in an open fire in Buffalo Township during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily from March through July of each year without prior authorization and the issuance of a permit from the Township Secretary.

2. There shall be no charge for the issuance of such a permit by the Township Secretary. Application for a permit shall be made as prescribed by the Township Secretary. The Township Secretary in determining whether or not to issue such a permit shall consider the following factors:

- (a) the proximity of the nearest fire station to the proposed burning site;
- (b) the means to be used by the applicant to control the fire;
- (c) availability of a water supply to control or extinguish the fire;
- (d) the means for the supervision of the fire including the determination that all burning will be supervised by a responsible person;
- (e) whether the current weather conditions make the burning of such a fire a hazard.

This permit shall specify to whom it is issued, the date or dates for which it is valid, and it shall be signed and dated by the Township Secretary. The Township Secretary may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance at any time when in his judgment such revocation is necessary for the safety and welfare of the resident of the Township.

Upon being issued a permit pursuant to this Ordinance, the holder of such permit shall contact the fire chief of the closest fire department and advise him of this fact and of the contents of the permit.

3. Any person(s), partnership, association, firm or corporation who violates this Ordinance may be subject to a fine not to exceed Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and cost of prosecution for each violation upon being convicted of a violation of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance was duly presented and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Township of Buffalo, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, held on the 4th day of March, 1980.

This Ordinance shall be effective on the 9th day of March, 1980.

ATTEST:

Joseph B. Clarke
Secretary

March 11 - 1980

THE TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO

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Chairman