

TOWNSHIP OF HALIFAX  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 353

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING  
OUTDOOR FIRES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HALIFAX

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HALIFAX HEREBY  
ENACTS AS FOLLOW:

ARTICLE I.  
PURPOSE

SECTION 101. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent public and private nuisances caused by outdoor fires deliberately or carelessly set and maintained; and to avoid unnecessary calls and false alarms to the Fire Department.

ARTICLE II.  
DEFINITIONS

SECTION 201. Certain words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them, as follows:

FIRE. Any fire set or maintained outside of a building.

CONTAINED FIRE. Any fire contained in an incinerator, fire place designed for outdoor cooking, or a fireproof container.

UNCONTAINED FIRE. Any fire except a "contained fire".

EXCEPTION. This Ordinance shall not apply to gas or charcoal fires used for cooking purposes.

PERSON. Any individual, partnership or corporation.

ARTICLE III.  
GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 301. No fire shall be set or maintained within 20 feet of any building or property line, except for cooking on appliances designed for the purpose of preparing foods (gas, electric or charcoal grilles or stoves, etc.).

SECTION 302. No fire shall be set or maintained on any public road or public property, except where a designated area has been set aside for this purpose and an appropriate container has been provided to contain such fire.

SECTION 303. No fire shall be set or maintained that may endanger any building or property, except where such building or property is used by the Fire Department for training purposes.

ARTICLE IV.  
CONTAINED FIRES

SECTION 401. Contained fires shall be used only to burn readily combustible material.

SECTION 402. No contained fires shall be permitted to burn or smolder between the hours of 1 AM and 5 AM.

ARTICLE V.  
UNCONTAINED FIRES

SECTION 501. No uncontained fire shall be permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist or when a ban on burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Halifax Township Supervisors. Notice of such restriction shall be given by notice in a paper of general circulation and by posting a notice at the Township office or by giving such other notice as the Township shall deem appropriate.

SECTION 502. No uncontained fires shall be allowed to burn or smolder between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM; Powells Valley Fire Company must be notified in the event a fire continues to burn after sunset.

SECTION 503. In the event it is necessary to have an uncontained fire at other than the times permitted under this Ordinance, special permission must be secured from the Township, and the Powells Valley Fire Company shall be notified of such fires.

SECTION 504. No uncontained fire shall be maintained unless constantly attended by at least one adult person.

SECTION 505. Any uncontained fire permitted to burn in an unsafe manner under adverse weather conditions, or unsupervised, or if determined unsafe by an official of the Fire Company, shall be extinguished immediately upon demand by such official.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 601. A person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction in Summary Proceedings before any Justice of the Peace in the County of Dauphin, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100, and costs of prosecution.

SECTION 602. In addition to the above penalty, any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance may be enjoined by appropriate injunction proceedings.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 8th day August, A.D., 1985.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HALIFAX TOWNSHIP

Attest: Melissa H. Houn  
Secretary

By: Marlin E. Zimmerman  
Chairman