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CITY OF ASHTABULA OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

The Council of the City of Ashtabula passed regulations governing campfires, cooking and recreational fires at their June 21, 2010 regular meeting. These regulations were in response to the growing number of complaints the Fire Department were receiving involving recreational fires within the City.

The regulations do not prohibit recreational fires but restrict them to following conditions:

- Only clean, seasoned wood or charcoal may be used for fuel; the burning of leaves, twigs, other yard waste or solid waste (garbage) is strictly prohibited.
- The fire must be limited to 2 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- The fire must not produce smoke or odors that are offensive to an average person, or detectible in nearby residences.
- The fire must be constructed in the rear yard of the home and an acceptable distance from combustible materials.
- The fire must be attended while burning and may not be left smoldering after its use.

Bonfires, or ceremonial fires are governed by separate detailed regulations that require a special permit. These regulations do not affect permits issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Residents are urged to understand and comply with the regulations; failure to comply with the City Ordinance is a third degree misdemeanor punishable by fines and court costs.

Please direct any question to the Ashtabula Fire Department at 992-7192.