

VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN

BURNING ORDINANCE

Ordinance 49

THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

No person shall set or burn any fire commonly known as a grass fire for the purpose of burning off vegetation, leaves, grass, or weeds on any lot or parcel of ground within the Village of Mattawan unless said person shall have obtained written permission from the Mattawan Fire District Chief or his duly authorized agent. (Call the Mattawan Village Office for instructions.)

SECTION 2

No person shall set or burn any old building, debris from a building torn down, waste materials or debris from buildings under construction, brush, limbs, or trees on any parcel of ground or lot within the Village of Mattawan unless said person shall have obtained written permission from the Mattawan Fire District Chief or his duly authorized agent. (Call the Mattawan Village Office for instructions.)

Persons applying for permission to burn any of the above materials must submit to the Chief of the Mattawan Fire District the specific area where the fire will be located and the materials to be burned, the measures that will be taken by the applicant in connection with such fire, and the name of the person under whose direction and constant personal supervision the fire will remain.

Instructions for obtaining fire permits may be obtained by calling the Village of Mattawan office.

SECTION 3

Leaves and yard rakings may be burned in open fires, on private property, providing said fire remains under the direct and constant supervision of some competent adult person. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply, or other fire extinguishing equipment, readily available for use.

SECTION 4

No person shall start or make any open fire on any private property within twenty-five (25) feet of any building or within the road or street right-of-way in the Village of Mattawan. No person shall make or set such fire, nor allow such fire to become large or intense enough so that said fire is not under the complete control of the person supervising same at all times. No person shall allow said fire to injure, damage, or ignite any building, building structure, ornamental shrubbery, trees, or hedge or any other property. Any open flame or ashes must be completely extinguished before being abandoned. (Ord. No. 49, eff. Aug. 4, 1980, amended by Ord. 192, eff. April 13, 2001.)

SECTION 5

Paper products may be burned within the village of Mattawan provided that it is burned within a metal (or other noncombustible) container. Said container shall be placed on a noncombustible floor (or ground) at least six (6) feet outside of any combustible wall or partition.

SECTION 6

No garbage shall be burned within the Village of Mattawan.

SECTION 7

Fireworks: The use of fireworks is prohibited within the Village of Mattawan unless authorized by the Mattawan Fire District Chief and/or the Mattawan Village Council. The term "fireworks" refers to fire crackers, rockets, torpedoes, roman candles, toy pistols, toy cannons, detonating caps, blank cartridges, and other devices designed and intended for pyrotechnic displays.

SECTION 8

Ceremonial Burning: Permission shall be obtained from the Mattawan Fire District Chief and/or the Mattawan Village Council for ceremonial burning.

SECTION 9

Any person convicted of violating or assisting in the violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both at the discretion of the Court. Each violation and every day upon which such violation shall occur shall be a separate offense. (Ord. No. 49, eff. 8-4-1980, amended by Ord. No. 114, eff. 1-3-1992)

SECTION 10

This Ordinance is not intended to prohibit fires used for the preparation of food, the use of indoor fireplaces, or outdoor campfires. On public properties, fires shall be permitted only in designated areas.

Effective date: August 4, 1980