

ORDINANCE NO. 6413

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12.02 "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS" OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL CODE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 12.02.056 "OPEN BURN PROHIBITED".

**BE IT ORDAINED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

SECTION 1. That Chapter 12.02 "Miscellaneous Provisions" of the 2015 Municipal Code of Council Bluffs, Iowa, be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 12.02.056 "Open Burn Prohibited", to read as follows:

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- A. It is unlawful for any person to open burn any refuse or to permit open burning of any refuse within the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Except as hereinafter provided, this section shall apply to all refuse, including but not limited to waste paper, boxes, market wastes, garden wastes, trees, tree limbs, construction lumber (treated and untreated), automobiles and parts thereof, and any and all materials other than material used as fuel in a furnace or boiler.
- B. This section shall not apply to outdoor fireplaces or barbeque grills used solely for the noncommercial preparation of food. Such outdoor fireplaces or grills may be used at other than daylight hours, but shall not be used for burning of refuse or combustible waste.

Fire containment devices, such as fire pits and chimneys may be used but are subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- 1. No outdoor burning is permitted if the wind speed exceeds ten (10) mph;
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- 3. Fire containment devices shall not be permitted within fifteen (15) feet of any combustible or structure, or within ten (10) feet of a lot line unless mutually agreed upon by the neighboring property owner;
- 4. Fire pits or other fire containment devices shall not exceed three feet in diameter;
- 5. Flames shall be kept below two feet in height above the pit or other fire containment device;
- 6. A portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, must be readily available;
- 7. Burning that is offensive or objectionable to a reasonable person because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances making such fires hazardous, shall be prohibited.
- 8. The fire chief or fire chief's designee has the authority to enforce the regulations contained within CBMC 12.02.056.

- C. The Fire Chief or Fire Chief's designee may permit an open fire for the following purposes and subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth:
1. City crews operating under the authority of the department of public works;
 2. The instruction of public employees in methods of fighting fires;
 3. On private property used for industrial purposes for the instruction of employees in the methods of fighting fires;
 4. For public gatherings under the legitimate sponsorship of civic, fraternal, religious, educational or similar organizations;
 5. Bonfires:
 - a. Permit application and applicable fee is required;
 - b. Fire ring free of grass and weeds is required;
 - c. Water source must be available at the proposed site;
 - d. Fire containment devices shall not be permitted within fifty (50) feet of any combustible or structure, or within ten (10) feet of a lot line unless mutually agreed upon by the neighboring property owner;
- D. Authorization to permit an open fire will not be granted by the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee when such conditions arise that the fire chief deems such fires to be a safety hazard.
- E. Exceptions.
1. This section shall not apply to flare stacks used for the open burning or flaring of waste gases, provided such open burning or flaring is conducted in compliance with Iowa State Code.
 2. This section shall not apply to prescription burns of native grasses when the following conditions are met.
 - a. Submittal of a Council Bluffs prescription burn application and associated fee to the fire department.
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 - (1) Plan shall contain: Site background information, fire management justification, fire regime proposal, smoke management plan, neighbor and community relationships and associated aerial maps.
 - c. Develop and submit a burn prescription.
 - (1) Prescription shall: Identify proper location and owner, plans for unit preparation, ignition and holding operations, identify the unit and all hazards, identify the objectives of the burn, outline contingency plans, describe the weather conditions required, and present plans to notify proper authorities.
 - d. All pertinent information must be reviewed and approved by the fire department prior to any prescription burn.
 - e. Credentialed burn boss shall be utilized for site fire management plan, burn prescription as well as the actual burn.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are for any reason declared illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of this ordinance which are severable from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and publication, as by law provided.

PASSED
AND
APPROVED

June 8, 2020.



MATTHEW J. WALSH Mayor

Attest:



JODI QUAKENBUSH City Clerk

First Consideration: 5-18-20
Second Consideration: 6-8-20
Public Hearing: N/A
Third Consideration: Waived

Council Communication

Department: City Clerk
Case/Project No.:
Submitted by: Graham Jura

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ITEM 4.C.

Council Action: 6/8/2020

Description

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 12.02 "Miscellaneous Provisions" of the 2015 Municipal Code of Council Bluffs, Iowa, by amending Section 12.02.056 "Open Burn Prohibited".

Background/Discussion

In coordination with the Council Bluffs Fire Department, it was determined that 12.02.056 "Open Burn Prohibited" needed to be updated to reflect that the health department is no longer under control of the City and should instead list the Fire Department as the main department of contact. It was also changed to address a growing concern with the burning of construction lumber (treated and untreated), as well as updating the specifics for Bonfires in accordance with the International Fire Code, as well as other grammatical cleanup.

Recommendation

The City Legal Department recommends updated 12.02.056 "Open Burn Prohibited" under the terms described herein.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Ordinance-red line version	Other	4/30/2020
Ordinance 6413	Ordinance	5/13/2020

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 - a. Permit application and applicable fee is required;
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(Ord. No. 6369, § 1, 10-22-2018)

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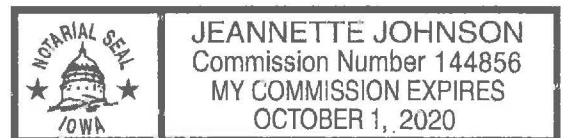
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