

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE OPEN BURNING IN THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose

The ordinance is enacted to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, and peace for the citizens of Russellville, Alabama, through the control of open burning. It is the intent of this ordinance to establish standards that will control open burning so that it will comply with all applicable state regulations and will not be detrimental to individuals and the community in the enjoyment of life, property and conduct of business. This ordinance is not intended to supersede legislation or regulations of state-wide applicability governing open burning nor does compliance with this ordinance guarantee compliance with such legislation or regulations.

Section 2. Opening Burning Standards

A. No person shall kindle or maintain any open fire at any location or time in the City of Russellville except for the following purposes:

1. Open fires for the cooking of food for human consumption.
2. Fires set in salamanders or other devices used by construction or other workers for heating purposes.
3. Fires for recreational or ceremonial purposes.

B. Fires for any other purpose may only be conducted if the open burning meets the following criteria:

1. The location of the burning must be at least 500 feet from the nearest occupied dwelling other than a dwelling located on the property on which the burning is conducted.
2. Only untreated wood and vegetation may be open burned.
3. No fire may be started or combustible material added to the fire except during the period from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
4. The fire shall be attended at all times. There shall be a hose connected to a water supply or other extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

Section 3. Cessation of Open Burning

The City of Russellville Fire Chief or his designated Assistant may halt any open burning if it creates a danger or serious nuisance for individuals or property.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption of publication.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 1998.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK