

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICY  
REGULATING THE OPEN BURNING  
OF CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER MATERIALS  
IN SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE**

**Whereas**, as a consequence of a lack of cooperation and violation of the rules against burning after dark and prohibited burning of illegal materials by builders and developers; and,

**Whereas**, the part time Fire Chief of Spring Hill does not have ample time to monitor fires, consequently the volunteers of the fire department are being called out unnecessarily; and

**Whereas**, in any event, open burning violates the laws of the State of Tennessee with certain exceptions allowed by the State

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE** that the following regulations shall be in effect upon adoption of this ordinance:

SECTION ONE:

**Contractors, builders and developers**

(1) Burning may be by permission only of the fire chief with notice given to city hall personnel at least one day prior to the planned burn; the fire chief must have an opportunity to inspect the site before burning commences.

No burning will be allowed on dry windy days; the fire chief or his assignee will have sole authority to make weather condition related decisions.

(2) No construction debris shall be burned or buried on site but trees and natural growth, located a minimum of 300 feet from any structure, may be burned on site during daylight hours; if burn continues after dark, supervision by the burn applicant must be present on site.

(3) Communication by cell phone shall be made available from the site to the bulldozer operator and emergency services.

(4) Certain exceptions conforming to the most recent "Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Environment, Division of Air Pollution Control", Chapter 1200-3-4, entitled "Open Burning" will be allowed.

SECTION TWO:

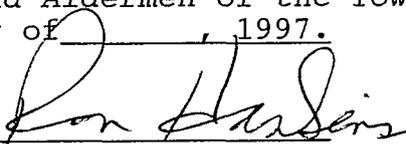
**Homeowners**

(1) The fire chief must be notified before burning commences and will have sole authority in deciding if a burn is to be allowed.

(2) Homeowners will be allowed to burn non toxic combustible material on their premises so long as the fire is attended, burning is done during daylight hours only and water is available in proximity to the fire.

This ordinance was passed on second reading after a public hearing before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on \_\_\_\_\_, and after due publication in the Columbia Daily Herald on \_\_\_\_\_ and the Franklin Review Appeal on \_\_\_\_\_ and Car Country News on \_\_\_\_\_

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

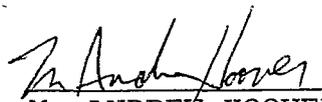


RON HANKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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JUNE QUIRK, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
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M. ANDREW HOOVER, ATTORNEY

Passed on 1st Reading November 17, 1997

Passed on 2nd Reading December 15, 1997