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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT -
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING BURNING OF YARD DEBRIS

WHEREAS, Town ordinances prohibit open burning in the Town limits for fire safety reasons, and

WHEREAS, these ordinances were not intended to apply to small, personal camp fires commonly used in residential areas in specially constructed fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, or commercially manufactured fire pit devices, and

WHEREAS, amending this section of the of Chapter 13, Solid Waste Management, Section 13-9 will make the ordinance language consistent with Chapter 4, Fire Department, Article III, Other Safety Ordinances in General, Sec. 4-51 – Burning trash refuse, etc. prohibited, providing more clarity and consistency for enforcement efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners that Chapter 13, Solid Waste Management, Section 13-9 - Burning of yard debris prohibited - is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Sec. 13-9. - Burning of yard debris prohibited.
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to burn leaves, shrubs, tree limbs, or other yard debris in the town.
 - (b) Personal camp fire exception:
 - (1) Personal camp fires used solely for outdoor cooking, personal warmth, and other recreational purposes are permitted.

Such fires must be contained in a specially constructed stone fire pit, fireplace, or commercially manufactured device, provided such is equipped with a flame arresting screen, a fire extinguisher or water source is available for immediate use, and the fire is constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished.

Such fires must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any structure, however, devices utilizing an elevated chimney feature may be located within fifteen (15) feet of any structure.
 - (2) Personal camp fires are strictly prohibited on any street, sidewalk, alley, or on the beach strand within the town limits.
 - (c) Bonfires and sky lanterns are strictly prohibited.
 - (b)(d) Violations of this section shall subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

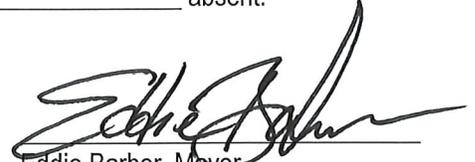
2. The Town Clerk is authorized to amend the sections as set forth above.
3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Adopted this the 9th day of June, 2020, by a vote of

Commissioner(s) Dooley, Finch, Messer, Normile, Taylor voting for,

Commissioner(s) _____ voting against, and

Commissioner(s) _____ absent.


Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda Ferebee, Town Clerk

