

FIRE ORDINANCE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971 ET SEQ. AND § 2291(14) AND SUCH OTHER SPECIAL OR GENERAL ENACTMENTS AS MAY BE MATERIAL HERETO, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SHELDON THAT THE FOLLOWING CIVIL ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED:

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Section I. Authority:

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2291(4), the Selectmen of the Town of Sheldon hereby declare that the outdoor burning of many substances is a public nuisance. Therefore, also pursuant to said authority, the Selectmen of the Town of Sheldon adopt ordinance.

Section II. Prohibition:

No person may kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning any substance except as otherwise authorized by this ordinance.

Section III. Exceptions:

A person may kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air in any of the following instances:

- a. A fire for cooking food for human consumption;
- b. With a permit from the Fire Warden of the Town of Sheldon or the Deputy Fire Warden of the Town of Sheldon, a fire for burning brush, weeds, grass, natural wood or chemically untreated wood.

Section IV. Permits:

Whenever a person desires to kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire for burning brush, weeds, grass, natural wood or chemically untreated wood, such person shall contact the Fire Warden of the Town of Sheldon or the Deputy Fire Warden of the Town of Sheldon and inform such warden or deputy warden as to the date, time and location of the fire. If such warden or deputy warden determines that the fire is not likely to spread to any other location, such warden or deputy warden shall issue a written permit authorizing such fire. If such warden or deputy warden determines that the fire is likely to spread to any other location, such warden or deputy warden may impose conditions upon the permit, which conditions in the opinion of such warden or deputy warden are necessary to minimize the possibility of spreading; if in the opinion of such warden or deputy warden no conditions could be imposed to reduce the possibility of spreading to a feasible extent, such warden or deputy warden shall refuse to issue the permit. There will be no fee for the permit.

Section V. Violations and fines:

than five percent of the duly qualified voters of the Town of Sheldon, which petition requests the Selectboard to hold a special meeting of the duly qualified voters within sixty days from the date of receipt of the petition to determine whether such voters disapprove such ordinance.

Dated at Town of Sheldon, County of Franklin and State of Vermont, this 18th day of March, 1996.

Bryan L. Perry

Stacy S. Hill

Richard A. Moulton

Selectboard
Town of Sheldon

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SHELDON:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of March, 1996, the Selectboard of the Town of Sheldon adopted a fire ordinance, subject, however, to a petition allowed by 24 V.S.A. 1973. You are further notified as follows:

1. The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate fires in the open air.

2. The principal provisions of the amendments are:

(a) No person may kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air other than as authorized by the ordinance (Section II);

(b) Fires for cooking food for human consumption is authorized without a permit (Section IIIa);

(c) With a permit issued by the Fire Warden or the Deputy Fire Warden of the Town of Sheldon, fires for burning brush, weeds, grass, natural wood, and chemically treated wood is also authorized (Section IIIb);

(d) The Fire Warden or the Deputy Fire Warden may issue, with or without conditions, a permit upon a determination by the Warden or the Deputy that the proposed fire is not likely to spread to another location (Section IV);

(d) Violations of the ordinance will be enforced by the payment of fines (Section V).

3. The list of section headings are as follows:

Section I	-	Authority
Section II	-	Prohibition
Section III	-	Exceptions
Section IV	-	Permits
Section V	-	Violations and fines
Section VI	-	Separability

4. The full text of the amended ordinance may be examined at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Sheldon.

5. Michael S. Gawne, whose address is 42 North Main Street, St. Albans, Vermont 05478 and whose telephone number is 802-524-5211, has knowledge of the ordinance and is available to answer questions about it.

6. You have the right to petition for a vote on the amendments. To do so, you must submit to the Selectboard or to the Town Clerk by May 17, 1996 a petition signed by not less