

CITY OF GAASTRA
IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 43

BURNING REGULATIONS

THE CITY OF GAASTRA ORDAINS:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE, CONTROL, AND REGULATE BURNING WITHIN THE CITY OF GAASTRA; AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Section 1: Definitions

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS, PHRASES, WORDS, AND THEIR DERIVATIONS SHALL HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN HEREIN:

- A) Burning: As used herein shall mean all burning, excluding burning for primary central home heat systems.
- B) Property: As used herein shall mean the property line nearest the initial measurement point.

Section 2: Burning Prohibited

Burning within the City is prohibited except as permitted herein.

Section 3: Burning Permitted

Under the terms hereof, burning is permitted as follows:

Paper and cardboard may be burned in a burning devise which meets the specifications approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Health and the Fire Department serving the City of Gaastra, **except during the months of May, June, July, August and September.**

Recreational campfires which burn only clean, unprocessed wood are permitted. Such campfires must be attended. Such campfires must meet any and all State, and/or Fire Department requirements and/or conditions.

Permitted burning which causes smoke and/or smells over and/or on the property of another is prohibited.

All burning is prohibited within fifteen (15) feet of another's property.

Section 4: Penalty

A person who violates this ordinance is responsible for a Municipal Civil Infraction, subject to a Civil fine of \$100.00 per violation. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Repeat offenses shall be subject to double fines.

Section 5: Effective Date

THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GAASTRA AND THEREFORE, THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION.

Section 6: Other Law

The requirements of all other laws controlling burning shall supersede this Ordinance to the extent that they are more restrictive.

Date of Adoption and Approval May 9, 2000