

ORDINANCE NO. 2-3-2014 A
OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS
VILLAGE OF HAMBURG, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, open burning is an inefficient form of combustion and produces pollutants that are emitted near the ground level. These emissions coupled with poor dispersion result in the exposure of neighboring residents, who may include high risk groups, to poor air quality. High-risk groups include newborn infants, children, the elderly, and those with allergies, chronic respiratory, or cardiovascular conditions and constitute a portion of the Village of Hamburg's population. Depending on the composition of the materials burned, air pollutants emitted may include particulate matter, heavy metal vapors, and acid gases. Heavy metals may also be found in ash remains. As a result of potential health hazards and nuisance conditions that result from open burning, the Village of Hamburg has adopted regulations restricting the activity in the interest of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMBURG, ILLINOIS,

Sec. 1. Bonfire, unenclosed fires.

It shall be unlawful to build or light any bonfire so close to any building or other structure, road, subdivision, or open space as to endanger such areas. No bonfire or fire other than one enclosed in a stove, furnace, incinerator, or fireplace shall be started or permitted to burn between the time of sunset and sunrise. This prohibition does not apply to recreational fires.

Sec. 2. Prohibited Open Burning

The open burning of garbage, rubbish, and refuse is not allowed in any part of the Village of Hamburg at any time pursuant to Village Ordinance, the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and other regulations. Refuse includes, but is not limited to, materials such as discarded paper, cardboard, lumber, metal, plastic, cloth, glass, rubber, ceramics, synthetic materials, construction and demolition debris, discarded household items, commercial/trade waste, animal carcasses, manure, rubbish, garbage, flora and landscape waste, and any discarded matter which is burned for waste disposal purposes. Onsite generated flora and landscape waste may be burned onsite. Burning in a metal drum or similar object is considered open burning.

Sec. 3. Enforcement.

(a) The President of the Board of Trustees and any other law enforcement officers, shall enforce the open burning regulations outlined under this ordinance

(b) Violations of this ordinance are subject to a maximum fine of \$500.00 per conviction. There shall be a minimum fine of \$50.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

Passed and approved this 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2014



President

Attest: 

Clerk