

**OFFICIAL**  
**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON**  
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 14 of 2011**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2169**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH  
HUNTINGDON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1029  
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR BURNING  
AND FIRES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to amend the outdoor burning and fire regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained and enacted, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Huntingdon, at a meeting assembled, by and with the authority of the same, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 66-1 of Ordinance No. 1029 entitled “DEFINITIONS” shall be amended to include the following additional definition:

RECREATIONAL FIRE – The burning of clean fire wood where the fuel area is no greater than four (4) feet in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height. Such fires may be for pleasure or religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.

**SECTION 2.** Section 66-3 E. of Ordinance No. 1029 shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

E. Recreational fires are permitted. Recreational fires are categorized in one of the two following ways:

(1) Portable Fire Pit – a portable fire pit is a portable device intended to contain and control outdoor fires. Such devices are sold as a unit by various manufacturers which contain a fire box, usually a screen and/or a cooking grill. Portable fire pits shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from a building.

(2) Freestanding Fire Pit – a freestanding fire pit is a fire ring or other type of structure which is constructed on the property and not readily moved. A freestanding fire pit shall be surrounded on the outside by non-combustible material such as steel, brick or masonry. Freestanding fire places are considered a freestanding fire pit. Freestanding fire pits shall be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from a building.

Recreational fires shall adhere to the following provisions of Ordinance No. 1029: Section 66-2 B., E., F., G; and Section 66-3 D., G., and H. Furthermore, any recreational fire shall be extinguished by 1:00 a.m. and not be started until 9:00 a.m.

**SECTION 3.** Section 66-3 of Ordinance No. 1029 shall include an additional paragraph which states the following:

- I. Outdoor cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers and propane or natural gas devices are not regulated or governed by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** The remainder of Ordinance No. 1029 shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township Commissioner that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Huntingdon, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a full quorum being present, this Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011.

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee D. Moffatt, President

ATTEST:

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John M. Shepherd, Township Secretary

SEAL

SOLICITOR: Bruce E. Dice, Esquire