

ORDINANCE 1986-3

As amended April 13, 1993, and August 10, 2010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING AND RESTRICTING OUTDOOR FIRES IN SAID TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY HEREOF; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Rice Township believe that it will serve the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the Township of Rice by restricting outdoor fires in Rice Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, enacted and resolved as follows:

1. No person or persons, corporation or associations shall set or maintain any fire upon any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public grounds in the Township of Rice, or burn or cause to be burned thereon any paper, boxes, rubbish, leaves or other material or substance of any kind. Nor shall any person or persons, corporation or associations set or maintain any fire, or burn or cause to be burned any substance or material of any kind, out of doors, except as hereinafter provided, anywhere within the limits of the said Township.
2. Out-of-doors fires shall be permitted, upon private property in said Township, provided that the following regulations and restrictions are strictly adhered to:
 - A. Only leaves, papers, boxes and wood originating on the Property where the burning will be conducted are permitted to be burned;
 - B. Every such out-of-door fire shall be built in and confined to a non-combustible container, covered with a screen of one-half (1/2") inches or smaller mesh, or with other such suitable non-combustible container;
 - C. No such fire shall be closer than fifteen (15') feet from any building;
 - D. No such fire shall be allowed to burn except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and except between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
 - E. All fires, as permitted, shall be attended at all times;

- F. No property owner shall allow or permit any fires to be set by anyone on his or her real property, which fire does not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance.

- 3. Any person, property owner, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars; and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Rice Township this 14th day of October, 1986; amended Section 2. A. on this 13th day of April, 1993, and amended Section 3 on this 10th day of August, 2010, and to be effective within five (5) days hereof.

ATTEST:

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARCIA THOMAS
SECRETARY

GEORGE VENESKY

MILLER STELLA, JR.

ANN M. KIJEK

*Original Ordinance is available at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707 for public inspection.