## TOWN OF BURNS Ordinance 5/9/2006 #1 Amended 8/23/2011 and 9/20/2011

## An Ordinance to Promote the Safety, Health, and General Welfare by Regulating Open Burning in the Town of Burns

The Town Board of the Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Incineration or open burning of any nature in the Town of Burns shall be regulated as follows: Such burning is hereby prohibited throughout the Town of Burns. A special permit to burn in the Town of Burns may be secured from the Bangor–Burns-Rockland Fire Chief, or one of the Town of Burns three Supervisors. No burning may take place without a special permit.

Section 2: Nothing herein shall limit the responsibility or liability of a person for burning anywhere in the Town of Burns, or for burning in a forest, marsh, or field as defined, regulated or prohibited by Chapter 26, Wisconsin Statutes nor serve to affect the liability of persons that permit the fire to escape from their control as further provided in Section 26.14(9)(b), Wisconsin Statutes

Section 3: The Town of Burns shall set such rules as it deems necessary for determining the appropriateness of issuing a special permit to burn in the Town of Burns. No permit will be required for burning barrels or brush piles, but for any fires caused by such, there will be a minimum charge of forty dollars (\$40) to cover costs of fire suppression payable to the Bangor-Burns-Rockland Fire Department. During Countywide burning bans, burning in barrels or brush piles will also be prohibited.

Section 4: Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be responsible for any costs of fire suppression, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) together with costs of prosecution payable to the Town (split 50-50 with the Bangor-Burns-Rockland Fire Department), and in the event of a default of payments of such fine and costs, by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage, approval, and posting.

Originally adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006

First amendment this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2011

Second amendment this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

Town of Burns Chairman

Attest: Town of Burns clerk