## VILLAGE OF LAKE HALLIE TOWN OF HOWARD

## CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT BURNING REGULATIONS

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE TOWN OF HALLIE

Effective 5/2/2022 Chippewa Fire District (CFD) will be following the recommendation of the WI DNR for all daily times and open burning restrictions. Hours are posted daily on WI DNR website.

NO BURNING ON SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, RED FLAG BURNING PERIODS OR AIR QUALITY ALERTS.

**Open Burning:** Burning is allowed for non-commercial purposes without a permit provided materials are sized according to DNR and are within the daily posted times. All burning shall be conducted only on the property on which materials were generated.

**Attendance of fire:** Open burning or burning in a barrel shall be consistently attended and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished and cold.

Materials that may be burned: (open burning or in a barrel) Paper, dry leaves, brush, clean wood, and other vegetation debris are the only items that may be burned. It is illegal to burn the following materials: garbage; carpet; electronics; foam; furniture and mattresses; asphalt; rubber; metal; oily substances, such as oily or greasy rags and oil filters; wood that has been painted, treated, laminated or glued; plastics of any kind, including bottles, bags, film and agricultural plastics; shingles and tar paper; tires and other rubber products; vinyl siding; wire; construction and demolition materials; and barn boards with any paint remnants or whitewash.

**Special Permits:** Upon CFD inspection as requested by the property owner, special permits may be issued for burning outside the posted burn times, piles and land clearing or prescribed burns exceeding the maximum size limit. Maximum pile sizes and acreages are limited by geographic area and indicated within the daily burning restrictions.

**Agricultural Lands Burning on 10 Acres or more:** (No special permit if it complies with this section) Burning of vegetation, limbs and trees for clearing lands is allowed after 9:30am during low fire danger periods as identified on WI DNR website, provided winds stay below 10mph and the following conditions are met:

- 1. Materials that originated on the land and the pile is no larger than: Length of 30'x width of 20'x height of 12'
- 2. Any grass, field, or waterway area no larger than 1.0 acre in size
- 3. Burn shall not encroach on adjacent properties
- 4. Burning shall be properly monitored (fire watch and equipment) until fully extinguished).
- 5. No burning shall take place within 300' of a structure and adjacent property owners are notified.
- 6. The property owner/person conducting the burning will contact CFD by calling 715-723-5488 to notify them of the location, how to access the burn location if needed, type, size, time and details of the burn, including materials, exact location, and number of people monitoring the burn.

If any of the conditions above are not met, the property owner/ person conducting the burning shall request a special permit and inspection from CFD.

Property owners may be responsible for response and extinguishment if CFD is requested to respond, a 911 call is made, complaints are issued, or if a CFD employee deems the fire as unsafe, a nuisance or danger to property.

**Cooking, Recreational and Campfires:** A burning permit is not required provided the wind speed is below 10mph. These fires must be less than 5' in diameter, wood used is sized appropriately for a small campfire and confined by a control device or structure such as a barrel, fir ring, or fire pit.

**Burn Barrels:** Burning is allowed in a burn barrel during DNR listed hours provided wind speeds are below 10mph. Burning of wood, paper, cardboard and leaves only. Barrels shall be in a noncombustible container with a metal screen lid. It shall be located a safe distance from any habitable structure and shall not become a nuisance to others. Burn barrels are regulated by Chippewa Fire District in addition to any local municipalities' ordinances.

**Investigations:** CFD has the right to investigate all burning or burning sites. Owners are subject to requests to extinguish the fire, reduce fire size and charges as necessary for CFD suppression.

**Liability and Enforcement:** Any person who starts or uses an outdoor fire shall be liable for all suppression costs if the fire is in violation of regulations, local ordinances, state statues, or it endangers property not owned by the person in violation.

**Attention Landlords:** Property owners are responsible for compliance of these rules by their tenants.

Burning permits shall be obtained by calling (715) 723-5488. No permits shall be issued prior to 9:00 am Mon.-Sat. except for local municipalities burning as part of a work project.

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