

STATE OF WISCONSIN VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE WAUKESHA COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 331

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 195 ENTITLED
VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE ORDINANCE TO
CONTROL FIRES

WHEREAS, Village ordinance no. 195 entitled "control fires" was enacted on or about April 25th, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the in the intervening years since 2001, the Village Board has decided not to establish dates for Spring and Fall burning; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to ensure that persons and property in the Village continue to be adequately protected from the risks of fires; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds that reasonable protection from fire can best be provided by restricting the types of fires that can be started in the Village, limiting the circumstances when those fires can be started based upon safety considerations, and by requiring that a permit be obtained before a fire can be started, with some exceptions as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 1 entitled GENERAL RULES, subsection 7 entitled Dates of Burn is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

~~7. Dates of Burn. Burning shall be permitted only on the Spring and Fall burning dates as established annually by the Village Board.~~

7. Specific controlled burn projects. Specific controlled burn projects may be approved by the Village Police Chief for controlled burns which are fires started for the sole purpose of conducting a prescribed controlled burn pursuant to a specific burn plan to accomplish important ecological functions such as reduction of hazardous fuels, invasive species control, and promotion of seed germination and flowering subject to filing and approval by the Village Police Chief of a specific burn plan containing a proper site diagnosis.

SECTION 2:

Section 4 entitled EXCEPTIONS, subsection 4 is created to read as follows:

4. Firepit/Campfires. Firepits and campfires no larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet long by 3 feet high

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY.

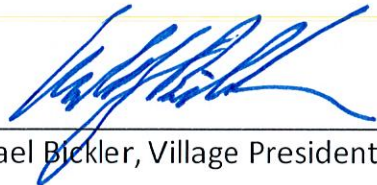
The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 9: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2024.

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE



Michael Bickler, Village President

ATTEST:



Teri Sayles, Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer