

ORDINANCE NO. 500

BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 440 GOVERNING AND DEFINING "OPEN BURNING" TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION UNDER SECTION II. F. "PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE" AND TO ADD A NEW EXEMPTION FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES UNDER SECTION V. B. TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATE REGULATED USE OF PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

WHEREAS, the Current Ordinance No. No. 440 regulating and defining "Open Burning" within the Municipal Limits of the Borough of Parkesburg currently does not appropriately address the common use of chimineas, outdoor grills and similar heating and cooking devices (other than masonry outdoor barbeque structures), but prohibits same; and,

WHEREAS, The Parkesburg Borough Council in conjunction with the Parkesburg Fire Department has sought to determine an appropriate means of permitting the use of such recreational cooking and heating devices consistent with concepts of fire safety and has determined that Ordinance No. 440 should be amended to specifically permit recreational fires previously prohibited where a "Portable Outdoor Fireplace" as defined in the amendments to the Ordinance is properly used.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing, the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, hereby ORDAINS that Ordinance No. 440 regulating and defining "Open Burning" within the Municipal Limits of the Borough of Parkesburg shall be amended by the addition of the following language to the sections as herein identified:

1. In Section II. setting forth "Definitions", the following new definition under new subsection F. shall be added stating as follows:

"Portable Outdoor Fireplace" An appliance or device commercially manufactured out of non-combustible materials such as steel, concrete or clay, to burn solid fuel (or propane, gas or other appropriate regulated fuel) out of doors for the express purpose of recreation, heating, cooking or preparing food for consumption."

2. In Section V identifying "Exemption for Recreational Fires", the following new exemption under new subsection B. shall be added stating as follows:

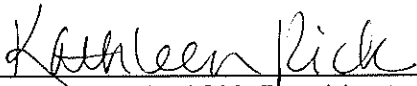
"It shall be lawful at any time for any person to utilize a Portable Outdoor Fireplace provided such device is used according to the manufacturer's instruction (but never, even if manufactured for such purpose, for the disposal of municipal waste or recyclable materials). A Portable Outdoor Fireplace shall at all times be operated at a minimum of fifteen feet from any structure or combustible material and constant adult attendance and observation is required at all times until the fire is completely extinguished."

3. All other terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 440 shall remain in full force and effect.


4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Parkesburg Borough Council this 21st day of May, 2012.

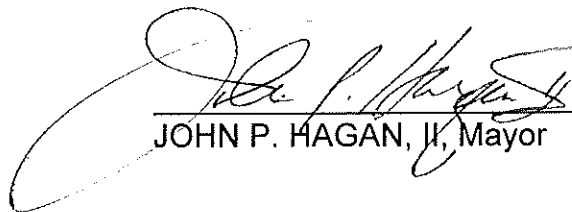
PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL


KATHLEEN RICK, President

ATTEST:


WENDY A. KEEGAN, Secretary

Approved this 21st day of May, 2012.


JOHN P. HAGAN, II, Mayor