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AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE ALL LANGUAGE IN THE BURNING OF DEBRIS AND HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS AN ORDINANCE TO REORDAIN SECTION 10-215 AND TO ESTABLISH SECTION 10-216, 10-217, 10-218, 10-219, 10-220, 10-221, 10-222, 10-223, 10-224, 10-225, 10-226 & 10-227 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATIONS OF BURNING OF DEBRIS AND HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Abita Springs in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said District:

10-215 CHIEF AND OTHER POLICE OFFICERS TO ENFORCE

Each police officer of the Town of Abita Springs is authorized to respond to all fire alarms and assist Fire Departments in the protection of life and property, in regulating traffic, maintaining order and in enforcing observance of all Sections of this Article.

10-216 POWER OF CHIEF TO MAKE INSPECTIONS AND SERVE NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARDS

The chief or acting Chief of any Fire Protection District or duly authorized Volunteer Fire Department shall have authority to enter any and all buildings and premises within their respective jurisdictions at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.

A The burning of household garbage, shall be prohibited.

10-217 A controlled fire or open burning of leaves, trash and yard debris, such as pine needles, pine cones, shrubs, brush and cut timber in Abita Springs shall not be a violation of this Chapter if the following guidelines are adhered to:

1. The fire area shall not be greater than 8 feet in diameter;
2. The height of burning materials shall not be greater than four (4) feet;
3. Burning shall only occur between sunrise and one hour before sunset;
4. The fire site shall not be unattended;
5. A functional water hose shall be located next to the fire site; and
6. The fire sites shall be located at least 10 feet from the nearest property line.
7. There shall be no more than one fire site per home site or parcel of land.
8. The fire site shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from any structure, if nearer than fifty (50) feet from a structure a container must be used.

10-218 Recreational fires will be allowed after dark. The fire shall not be greater than four (4') feet in diameter. The height of the burning material shall not be greater than four (4') feet.

10-219 A violation of any of the above restrictions shall result in the fire site being considered a fire hazard under this chapter.

10-220 COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARD REQUIRED

Any person served with a notice to abate a fire hazard shall comply therewith promptly and inform the appropriate Fire Chief of such compliance.

10-221 FALSE FIRE ALARMS

No person shall maliciously report to police or fire officials or cause to be reported a false fire alarm.

10-222 VEHICLES TO HAVE RIGHT-OF-WAY

All motorized fire equipment and all personal cars of Fire Department Members shall have the right-of-way over all other traffic when responding to a fire alarm.

10-223 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE

No person may drive any vehicle over a fire hose except upon specific orders from the appropriate Fire Chief or from such other Officer in charge where the hose is being used.

10-224 PARKING NEAR OR OBSTRUCTING FIRE STATIONS OR HYDRANTS

No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within fifty (50') feet of the entrance to any Fire Station or other place where fire

apparatus is stored, or within ten (10') feet of any fire hydrant or cistern.

10-225 FOLLOWING FIRE APPARATUS; PARKING NEAR FIRE

No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within six hundred (600') feet of any apparatus belonging to a Fire Department, or park any vehicle within three hundred (300') feet of a fire.

10-226 Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction be punished as provided in Section 1-108 of this code.

10-227 The Town of Abita Springs will adhere to NO BURN PROCLAMATION when needed by the Mayor of Abita Springs for the safety of the community.

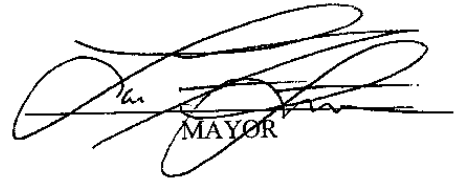
Adopted by Alderman Dugas, and seconded by Alderman Benton

YEAS: 3 Cognewich, Dugas + Benton

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Davis + Edmiston ABSTAIN: 0

ON 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2003.

  
MAYOR

  
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