

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3

**AN ORDINANCE OF HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 85-2 AND PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF COMBUSTIBLE
MATERIALS OF A NOXIOUS NATURE, CONFINING THE BURNING OF COMBUSTIBLE
MATERIALS OF NON-NOXIOUS NATURE DURING CERTAIN HOURS, REQUIRING PERMITS
IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, DEFINING SUPERVISED RECREATIONAL BURNING, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION ONE: Ordinance 85-2, enacted February 5th, 1985 is hereby repealed *in its entirety*.

SECTION TWO: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to burn upon any premises, lot, street, alley or public place within the limits of the Township of Hempfield any materials or substances causing noxious or offensive odors at any time of the day or night.

SECTION THREE: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to burn or to permit to remain burning upon any premises, lot, street, alley, or public place within the limits of the Township of Hempfield any loose, dry papers, or dry combustible materials of a non-noxious nature at any time during the day or night, except between 7 A.M to 8 P.M. in an approved enclosed container that prevents hot material from escaping. Burning of the same should only include normal and reasonable household accumulations. All other fires shall not only be confined to the hours stated above, but in addition, shall not take place unless a prior written permit for the same is issued by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township or the Hempfield Township Police Department, which permit shall be issued by the order of the Department or other persons authorized by the Department.

SECTION FOUR: The right to burn dry combustible materials of a non-noxious nature during the hours set above in Section Three of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following:

- (a) No fire shall be permitted within thirty (30) feet of any building or structure.
- (b) No fire shall be permitted to burn unattended.

SECTION FIVE: Recreational fires meaning any outdoor fire primarily utilized to cook food for human consumption or for the enjoyment of a gathering of people such as a campfire are permitted with adult supervision at all times and must be kept in a confined area such as a fire pit or fire ring.

SECTION SIX: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before any Magisterial District Judge, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$300.00, to be collected as other fines are collected by law, and in case of default of payment, to undergo imprisonment in the County jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

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THIS ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3, is hereby ADOPTED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED into Law, this 5th day of May, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

THIS ORDINANCE shall have an effective date of May 5th, 2015.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HEMPFIELD
TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

BY: Todd P. Hittle

BY: David G. Karel

BY: Steve P. Hite

ATTEST:

Todd P. Hittle
Todd P. Hittle, Township Secretary