

RUSH TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 183

AN ORDINANCE OF RUSH TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RUSH TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 180 TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL FIRE AND CEREMONIAL FIRE, AND TO AMEND THE NOTICE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3C5.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2013, Rush Township, through its governing body, adopted Ordinance No. 180, which regulates and restricts open burning; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township desires to amend Ordinance No. 180 to provide clarification as to what constitutes a recreational fire and a ceremonial fire for purposes of the exceptions to the ban on burning contained in Section 3 sub-parts A and B of said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township further desires to amend Ordinance No. 180 to eliminate the requirement that all residents notify the Township Police prior to cooking food outdoors on a grill, or lighting a recreational fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1. The Definitions section of Rush Township Ordinance No. 180, specifically Section 2 of said Ordinance, is hereby amended to include the following additional definitions:

M) Recreational fire - an outdoor fire built either in a stone, brick or carbon steel structure designed for use as a fireplace, in a chimenea or similar structure, or in an open dirt area no more than 3 feet in diameter surrounded by brick or stones and wherein the flames from the fire do not exceed a height of 2 feet, built for the purpose of providing warmth to persons congregating around the fire.

N) Ceremonial fire - a fire built by a chapter of a national or state-wide civic or fraternal organization containing tax-exempt status, or a religious organization or church containing tax exempt status, as part of a ceremony of such organization.

Section 2. General Prohibition No. 5, titled Notice, as contained in Section 3 (General Limitations on Burning) sub-part C5 of Rush Township Ordinance No. 180 is hereby amended as follows:

5. Notice - Prior to a planned ceremonial fire, a person organizing same shall notify the Rush Township Police Department of the day, time and location of said planned burn at (570) 668-4242.

Section 3. The rest and remainder of Rush Township Ordinance No. 180 is hereby reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment or on the first day allowed by law thereafter, whichever occurs first.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 20th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

Dalee Feustemeyer
Secretary

RUSH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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