

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR FIRE PITS AND STATING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** Permits are required by the City of St. Mary, Missouri when recreational outdoor fire pits are to be used. Said permits are issued by the Collector and are free. The city recommends the purchase of a commercially manufactured fire pit or enclosure that is designed and engineered for fire safety and outdoor use. Said pits are to have a screened spark arrester to prevent embers from flying out. Said pit must be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible material (i.e., house, fencing, decks, sheds, trees, tall grass, etc.). Seasoned dry firewood is the only allowable fuel to be used in outdoor fireplaces and outdoor fire pits. Said pits are to be in operation no later than 10:00 PM during week days and until 12:00 Midnight on holidays and weekends. Adult supervision is constantly required at all time. There must be a means of fire extinguishment on the site such as a portable fire extinguisher or other approved equipment, such as a garden hose.

**SECTION TWO.** Fire Pits or outdoor fireplaces cannot be used during Red Flag Day or No Burn Days--times in Missouri when burning is prohibited due to dry, hot combustible weather. Burning shall not be conducted when wind speeds exceeds 15 mph. The city shall prohibit burning which will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emission when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous. The city shall order the extinguishment of recreational burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. Smoke may be offensive to senior citizens, small children and to those with allergies or asthma. If a neighbor has a valid complaint of a fire bothering them, the city will ask you to put out your fire and your permit may be revoked. Other reasons for a permit being revoked shall be loud noise and disturbances that disturb the peace of citizens.

**SECTION THREE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

Passed and approved this the 8th day of December, 2011

ATTEST:

*Jo Ann E. Donze*

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