

ORDINANCE NO. 1987- 12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSCOMBMANOR,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR
BURNING, ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS
THERE TO AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ruscombmanor situate in the County of Berks and Commonwealth of PA, and IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Ruscombmanor Township Burning Ordinance".

SECTION 2. Definitions. The following words shall have the meaning herein indicated:

- a) Person - any natural person, partnership, firm, association or corporation.
- b) Trash - items such as wood, paper products, bedding and what is customarily considered as household trash.
- c) Brush - bushes, shrubs, grass, weeds, trees and leaves.

SECTION 3. Prohibition. Burning of materials outside of any building, within the limits of Ruscombmanor Township, is hereby prohibited, except as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4. Burning Regulations.

- a) Burning of trash is permitted but it must be conducted in a metallic or other non-combustible container, equipped with a cover.
- b) Burning of brush is permitted provided at least 24 hours prior notification has been given to the Ruscombmanor Township Fire Company of the intention so to do.
- c) Burning of trash must be done at least 50 feet from any building, fence, hedge or any combustible materials.
- d) Burning must be guarded by at least one responsible person until the fire has burned out.
- e) No burning shall occur between sunset and sunrise.
- f) Burning shall be limited to trash or brush originating on the land upon which the burning takes place.

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SECTION 5. Outdoor Cooking. This Ordinance does not apply to outdoor cooking.

SECTION 6. Enforcement. Any person violating the terms of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$300.00, together with costs of prosecution, or in default thereof to undergo imprisonment in the Berks County Prison for not more than 30 days. The application of the foregoing penalty shall not be construed to prohibit the Township of Ruscombmanor, in the exercise of its powers, from instituting proceedings in a court of equity.

SECTION 7. Invalidity. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or enforceability shall not affect any other provision or provisions, and this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such provision had not been included.

SECTION 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same are inconsistent herewith.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED as an Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ruscombmanor, Berks County, Pennsylvania, at a meeting held on the 1st day of October, 1987.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RUSCOMBMANOR,
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