

TOWN OF WOLCOTT  
Wolcott, Vt.

OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Purpose: To enact an Ordinance pertaining to safe burning practices within the Town of Wolcott, Vermont boundaries.

THE PERMITEE SHALL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES:

Before igniting a fire, a permit must be obtained from the Wolcott Forest Fire Warden and the permittee must call the Lamoille Sheriff's Office and log in with the dispatcher.

Burning is only allowed during daylight hours.

Fires must be attended at all times.

Only natural, untreated wood may be burned.

Hayfields will not be allowed a permit.

- A. The Fire Warden may check any burn sites at his discretion.
- B. The Fire Warden has authority to refuse to issue a burn permit.
- C. State laws pertaining to fire permits are incorporated into this ordinance.
  - 1. The Vermont State Forest Fire Laws (10 V.S.A. Chapter 83 section 2645)
  - 2. Further stipulations are published on the back of the State Fire Permits.

D. A permit is not required when the burn area is surrounded by snow.

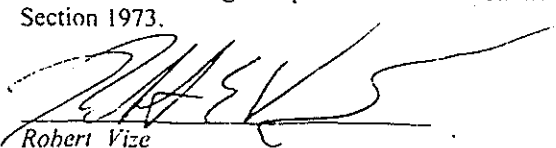
E. Section IX – Severability:

If any portion of the Ordinance and Amendment is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and Amendments shall not be affected.

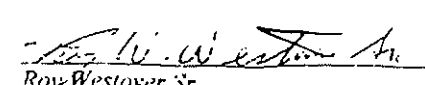
*A violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. Title 1974a and 1974 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$500. may be imposed for violation of this civil Ordinance, and the waiver fee shall be set at \$100. for the first offence, \$200. for the second offence and \$300. for all subsequent offenses within a six month period. Each day that the violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this Burning Ordinance.*

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1971-1976, and 24 V.S.A. 2291 this ordinance is adopted by the Wolcott Selectboard on 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002 to become effective sixty (60) days from the adoption thereof.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance, within 45 days, in accordance with V.S.A. Section 1973.

  
Robert Vize

  
Fredrick Martin

  
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Copies of this Ordinance are available at The Wolcott Town Offices