

Chapter 51, BURNING, OUTDOOR

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ligonier 2-11-1992 by Ord. No. 1992-4. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 51-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Ligonier Township Temporary Burning Ban Ordinance."

§ 51-2. Emergency burning ban.

A. The Ligonier Township Board of Supervisors may prohibit or ban any bonfire or other fire on any public or private street, avenue, highway, road, alley or public or private land within the Township of Ligonier, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at such time as the Supervisors determine that atmospheric conditions or locational circumstances make such fires hazardous.

B. Any such ban shall be imposed by declaration of the Ligonier Township Supervisors at a public meeting duly advertised for the purpose of imposing an emergency burning ban. Lifting of the emergency burning ban shall be accomplished in a like manner.

C. Any such ban imposed by the Supervisors shall remain in effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors has determined that conditions or circumstances necessitating the ban have improved to a degree that open air burning poses no threat to the public safety or welfare of Ligonier Township.

§ 51-3. Exceptions.

Nothing herein provided shall prohibit:

A. Any fire, the sole purpose of which is to cook or prepare food, provided that said fire is confined in a fireproof container.

B. Any fires, or incineration, so long as such activity is carried on wholly within the confines of a permanent structure intended for the inhabitation of human beings.

§ 51-4. Violations and penalties.EN

This chapter shall be enforced by action brought before a District Justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. Any person who violates or permits the violation of this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. Each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.