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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 58-58 OF CHAPTER 58, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO MODIFY OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS CONCERNING RECOVERY OF RESTITUTION FOR VIOLATIONS, REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PRESCRIBE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 58-58 of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 58-58. Amendments.**

(a) *Sections deleted.* The following sections of the fire code adopted in section 58-57 shall be deleted: 105.8, 901.2.1, 1001.4, 1003.1.3, 1003.2.1, 1003.2.2, 1003.2.3, 1003.2.3.1, 1003.2.3.2, 1003.2.3.3, 1003.2.3.4, 1003.2.3.5, 1003.2.3.6, 1003.2.3.7, 1003.2.4, 1003.2.4.1, 1003.2.4.2, 1003.2.4.3, 1003.2.5, 1003.2.5.1, 1003.2.5.2, 1003.2.5.3, 1003.2.6, 1003.2.7, 1003.2.8, 1003.3, 1003.3.1, 1003.3.2, 1003.4, 1004.1.2, 1004.2, 1004.3, 1004.4, 1004.5, 1005, 1006.2.3.2, 1007.1.2, 1007.2, 1007.2.1, 1007.2.1.1, 1007.2.1.2, 1007.2.2, 1007.2.2.1, 1007.2.2.2, 1007.2.2.3, 1007.2.3, 1007.2.4, 1007.2.4.1, 1007.2.4.2, 1007.2.4.2.1, 1007.2.4.2.2, 1007.2.4.3, 1007.2.5, 1007.2.6, 1007.2.6.1, 1007.2.6.2, 1007.2.6.3, 1007.2.6.4, 1007.2.7, 1007.2.7.1, 1007.2.7.1.1, 1007.2.7.1.2, 1007.2.7.2, 1007.2.7.2.1, 1007.2.7.2.2, 1007.2.7.2.3, 1007.2.7.2.4, 1007.2.7.2.5, 1007.2.7.2.6, 1007.2.8, 1007.2.9, 1007.2.9.1, 1007.2.9.1.1, 1007.2.9.1.2, 1007.2.9.1.3, 1007.2.9.1.4, 1007.2.9.1.5, 1007.2.9.2, 1007.2.10, 1007.2.11, 1007.2.12, 1007.2.12.1, 1007.2.12.1.1, 1007.2.12.1.2, 1007.2.12.1.3, 1007.2.12.1.4, 1007.2.12.2, 1007.2.12.2.1, 1007.2.12.2.2, 1007.2.12.2.3, 1007.2.12.2.4, 1007.2.12.3, 1007.2.12.4, 1007.2.12.5, 1007.2.12.6, 1007.2.12.7, 1007.2.12.8, 1007.3, 1007.3.1, 1007.3.2, 1007.3.3, 1007.3.3.1, 1007.3.3.3, 1007.3.3.3.1, 1007.3.3.3.2, 1007.3.3.3.3, 1007.3.3.3.4, 1007.3.3.5, 1007.3.3.6.1, 1007.3.3.7, 1007.3.4.1, 1007.3.4.2, 1103.2.2, 1212.6, 2401.2, 2501.3, 2501.9.3, 2501.9.5, 2501.9.6, 2501.9.6.1, 2501.9.6.2, 2501.9.7, 2502.4.6, 2502.4.7, 2502.4.8, 2502.4.9, 2602, 2703, 2803, 2902, 3002, 3203, 3211.4, 3302, 3403, 3601.3, 3603.4, 3603.4.5.1, 3603.4.5.2, 3603.4.5.3, 3603.4.5.4, 3603.6, 4501.3, 4602, 4702, 4802, 4901.3, 5003, 5005.2, 5005.5.1, 5013.1, 5101.3, 5102.3, 5104.3.2.3, 5104.3.2.4, 5104.3.3, 5104.4, 5105.2.1, 5106.2.7, 5106.2.8, 5107.1.3, 5107.1.5, 5107.1.6, 5108.2.1, 5108.2.2, 5201.3.1, 6202, 6304, 7401.3, 7501.3, 7601.3, 7901.3.1, 7901.3.2, 7902.1.7.2, 7902.1.10.9, 7902.1.12.2, 7902.5.11.5.1, 7902.5.12.5.1, 7902.5.12.5.2, 7902.6, 7902.5-F, 7902.5-G, 7902.5-H, 7902.5-I, 7902.5-J, 7903.2.3.2.3, 7903.2.3.3, 8001.3.1, 8001.4.5.1, 8001.8.2.1, 8001.12.3.9, 8003.1.11, 8003.1.12, 8003.1.13, 8003.1.18, 8003.1.19, 8003.1.21, 8003.3.1.2, 8003.6.1.2, 8003.6.1.3, 8003.6.1.5, 8003.7.1.2, 8003.7.1.3, 8003.7.1.5, 8003.8.1.4.2, 8003.9.1.2, 8003.9.1.4, 8003.10.1.2, 8003.10.1.5, 8003.12.2.3, 8003.13.2.3, 8004.1.8, 8004.1.12, 8004.2.2.3, 8004.2.2.4, 8004.2.3.4, 8004.2.3.5, 8004.3.3, 8004.4.3, 8101.3.1, 8102.3, 8102.4, 8102.5.2, 8102.6, 8102.7, 8102.8, 8103.3.2.1, 8103.2.2, 8104.2.1, 8104.4, 8104.5.2, 8202.1, 8702, 8801.3, 8802.1.6, 8802.1.8, 8802.3.3,

8802.4.2, 8802.4.4, 8803.2.3, 8803.3, and appendices I-A, I-B, II-A, II-B, II-C, II-E, II-G, II-H, III-D, IV-B, VI-C, and VI-D.

(b) *Amendments.* The fire code shall be amended with the following modifications and additions:

*Section 101.1, General,* shall be modified to read as follows:

*Title.* These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as The Fire Prevention Code of the City of Rochester Hills and is herein referred to as such or as "this code."

*Section 103.1.4, Board of Appeals,* shall be modified to read as follows:

*Appeals.* Appeals may be taken to the Rochester Hills Construction Board of Appeals by any person aggrieved by any decision or interpretation made by the code official pursuant to this code. The construction board of appeals is hereby constituted and granted authority to act as the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals with full power to interpret and decide appeals as provided herein.

*Section 103.4.7, Restitution,* shall be added to read as follows:

*103.4.7.1. General.* ~~When~~Except as otherwise provided in section 1102.6.8 relative to open burning violations, when the fire department is called to respond to any emergency or incident resulting from a violation of any federal, state or local regulation governing fire safety, or through gross negligence, the responsible person shall reimburse the fire department for all costs incurred as a result of responding to the emergency or incident.

*Section 106, General,* is added to read as follows:

*106.1. Review Fees.* When, at the discretion of the code official, plans and specifications are to be reviewed by an outside consultant, the person submitting the plans and specifications shall be responsible for payment of such consulting fees or charges, plus a ten-percent administrative charge. The code official shall select the consultant. Consulting fees plus administrative charge shall be submitted in full with the plans and specifications prior to review.

*Section 901.4.2, Fire Apparatus Access Roads,* shall be modified to read as follows:

*901.4.2.1. Posting.* All fire lanes shall be conspicuously posted on both sides of the fire lane with fire lane signs, which shall conform to the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as prescribed by the code official. Signs shall be erected no further than 100 feet apart in all areas designated as fire lanes.

*901.4.2.2. Enforcement and Penalties.* Enforcement of this section, being section 901.4.2, may be by the city fire chief, assistant fire chiefs, fire marshal, fire inspectors, firefighters working under the direction of the fire marshal, and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

*901.4.2.3. Issuance of Appearance Citations.* Said enforcement officers shall have the authority to issue appearance citations, as provided by MCL 764.9a--764.9g, MSA

28.868(1)--28.868(7), and notices of parking violations, as provided in article IV of chapter 98 of the City of Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances, for violations of this section.

*901.4.2.4. Procedure and Fines.* The procedure and fines for parking violations shall be as provided in article IV of chapter 98 of the City of Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances.

*901.4.2.5. Authority to Remove Obstructions.* If any vehicle, trailer, or other object is located within a fire lane during a fire emergency or alarm or any other time when use of the fire lane is necessary, any Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy or member of the city fire department may move or cause the vehicle to be moved, by any means reasonably available, without liability for any damages sustained to said vehicle, etc.

*Section 904, Streets Names,* is added to read as follows:

*904.1. General.* Names for any new public or private street or drive shall neither duplicate nor be so similar in spelling or phonetics to the name of an existing street or drive so as to create the possibility of confusion.

*904.2. Review.* All new street names, or requests to change existing street names, shall be reviewed by the code official and other appropriate city departments.

*Section 1001.11, Fire Department Connections,* is added to read as follows:

In any building or structure required to be equipped with a fire department connection, a fire hydrant shall be located within 100 feet of the connection which shall be located within 50 feet of a minimum 20-foot wide paved driveway or street.

*Section 1102, Open Burning,* shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

*Section 1102.6.1. Definitions.*

*Section 1102.6.1.1. Open Burning.* Any fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in ~~an outdoor fireplace, a barbecue grill or barbecue pit.~~

*Section 1102.6.1.2. Recreational Fire.* Burning of materials where the fuel being burned is not contained in ~~an outdoor fire place, a barbecue grill, or barbecue pit; for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.~~

*Section 1102.6.2. Allowable Open Burning.* Open burning is prohibited, except as allowed in this section.

*Section 1102.6.2.1. Leaves.* The burning of leaves shall be allowed, on detached residential properties, from noon until sunset on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and from sunrise to sunset on Saturdays between November 1 and November 30 of each year. Leaf burning shall be done 1 pile at a time, and the pile shall not exceed 6 feet in diameter, nor 3 feet in height. Leaf burning in accordance with this subsection shall be allowed until November 30, 2006. Thereafter, the burning of leaves shall be prohibited.

*Section 1102.6.2.2. Recreational Fires.* A recreation fire may be allowed, on detached residential properties, at any time during the year between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight.

*Section 1102.6.2.2.1. Size and Duration.* A recreational fire shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter, nor 3 feet in height and shall burn no longer than 3 hours.

*Section 1102.6.2.2.2. Fuel.* Fuel for a recreational fire shall consist only of dry seasoned firewood and be ignited with a small quantity of paper.

*Section 1102.6.2.3. Preparation of Mortar.* Open burning shall be allowed on all properties for warming of sand and/or water for the preparation of mortar when such burning is fueled by propane or wood.

*Section 1102.6.2.4. Special Burn Permits.* A burn permit may be issued by the code official for special situations where open burning is determined by the code official to be necessary in order to alleviate a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the residents or the environment.

### *Section 1102.6.3. Permits.*

*Section 1102.6.3.1. Permit Required.* An annual permit is required for any open burning.

*Section 1102.6.3.2. Application for Permit.* A permit for open burning shall be obtained from the fire department administrative office during normal business hours, before the fire is set, and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the code official.

*Section 1102.6.3.3. Permit Issuance.* A permit for open burning shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the burning is to take place. The fee for an annual burning permit shall be \$25.00.

*Section 1102.6.3.4. Permit Limitations.* The code official may refuse to allow burning if the code official determines atmospheric conditions are not conducive to burning. Permits may be conditioned on obtaining authorization from the code official prior to actually starting the fire.

*Section 1102.6.4. Location.* Open burning is prohibited within any public road right-of-way, pedestrian-bicycle pathway, within 50 feet of any structure or within 25 feet of any property line.

*Section 1102.6.5. Attendance.* Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishment equipment shall be present and available for immediate use.

*Section 1102.6.6. Outdoor Fire Places.* A permit is not required for outdoor fireplaces; however, these devices are only permitted to be fueled by dry seasoned firewood, charcoal or commercial fire logs.

*Section 1102.6.7. Complaints.* Any person burning without a permit or not in accordance with permit guidelines may be ordered to extinguish the fire. If the person is unable to extinguish the fire it will be extinguished by the fire department.

*Section 1102.6.8. Violations.* Any violation of these open burning regulations shall be a municipal civil infraction. ~~The violator shall be responsible for~~ city may recover restitution, and the fire department may void the permit and prevent the issuance of any further permits.

*Section 1302, False Alarms,* shall be modified to read as follows:

*1302.3.1. General.* It shall be unlawful for any person to report any information concerning a fire or other emergency condition when such person knows no fire or other emergency has occurred, or that the information is false.

*1302.3.2. Activation of the Fire Alarm System.* A person shall not activate a fire alarm system in any building or place within the City of Rochester Hills unless a valid fire emergency exists within the building or place. A fire alarm system is any system which, upon activation, warns the occupants of the building or place that a fire emergency exists.

*Section 5201.12, Self-Service Stations,* shall be added to read as follows:

The owner or lessee of a self-service gasoline station shall conspicuously post at all times at the approved emergency controls the current state or local fire code regulations governing self-service stations, as prescribed by the code official. All persons in charge of the premises shall be familiar with all provisions of the regulations.

*Section 7801, General,* shall be modified to read as follows:

*7801.4. Scope.* The manufacture of fireworks is prohibited within the city limits. The sale, possession, transportation and use of fireworks in the city shall be prohibited, except as allowed in Public Act No. 358 of 1968 (MCL 750.243a et seq., MSA 28.440(1) et seq.), as amended, which is incorporated herein by reference. The retail sale of fireworks shall comply with the additional requirement of this article.

*7801.4.1. Permit Required.* A permit shall be obtained from the code official for the retail sale of fireworks. A nonrefundable permit fee in the amount of \$150.00 shall be payable at the time of application.

*7801.4.2. Permit Applications.* Applications for permits shall be made in writing at least 30 days in advance of the date of the intended retail sale of fireworks. The retail sale of fireworks shall be lawful under the terms and conditions approved with the permit and for that purpose only. A permit granted hereunder shall not be transferable, nor shall any such permit be extended beyond the dates set out therein.

*7801.4.3. Required Affidavit.* Included with the permit application shall be a written affidavit describing the items offered for sale and stating that their contents of pyrotechnic compound meet the requirements of this code.

*7801.4.4. Retail Sales Time Limitations.* All permits issued for retail fireworks sales shall limit sales to May 1 through July 31 of the year issued.

*7801.4.5. Definitions.* The term "fireworks" means a device made from explosive or flammable compositions used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks includes