

## 191.000 - FIRE PREVENTION Ord. No. 6 Adopted: March 24, 1970

An Ordinance to aid in the prevention of fires, provide fire protection, require payment for certain emergency fire equipment runs, require fire lanes to be kept open and to provide penalty for violation thereof.

[THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATLAS, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:]

*Footnotes:*

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**Cross reference**— *Basic fire prevention code, pt. 190; open burning, pt. 192; fireworks, pt. 193; alarm systems, pt. 194; emergency response expenses, pt. 195.*

## 191.001 - Conditions.

Sec. 1. The Atlas Township Fire Chief or the Atlas Township Board may declare a "Dangerous Fire Condition" whenever the condition of grasses and brushes within the Township shall be dry and inflammable.

The Atlas Township Fire Chief or the Atlas Township Board may declare an "Extreme Fire Hazard Emergency" whenever the condition of grasses and brushes within the Township shall be extremely dry and extremely inflammable.

## 191.002 - Publication of "Dangerous Fire Condition."

Sec. 2. Notification of a declaration of a "Dangerous Fire Condition" or an "Extreme Fire Hazard Emergency" shall be given by publication of notice thereof in a newspaper circulated within the Township of Atlas and shall take effect immediately upon such publication. Such declaration shall automatically expire 30 days after publication thereof unless republished.

## 191.003 - Burning prohibited without permit.

Sec. 3. Whenever a "Dangerous Fire Condition" shall have been declared, no person shall conduct any burning of any kind of materials except in an incinerator located inside a house or commercial building or in a wholly enclosed outdoor refuse burning container which container shall be completely covered and shall have no opening larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter unless a permit to burn is obtained from the Atlas Township Fire Chief. Any outdoor refuse burning container which shall not be regularly cleaned of ashes causing an incomplete seal when covered, shall be deemed a violation of this provision.

## 191.004 - Incinerator burning.

Sec. 4. Whenever an "Extreme Fire Hazard Emergency" shall have been declared, no person shall conduct any burning of any kind of materials except in an incinerator located inside a house or commercial building.

191.005 - Penalty for violation.

Sec. 5. Whenever any person shall deliberately, negligently or carelessly allow a fire to spread out of control in any field, woods or lot without having obtained a prior burning permit from the Fire Chief of the Township, such person shall then pay to the Township the cost of the Township fire call run as established from time to time hereafter by the Township Board. This provision and payment thereof shall not in any way relieve such person from any damages caused as a result of setting a fire nor shall it relieve such person of the penalties of this Ordinance.

191.006. - Blocking fire lanes prohibited.

Sec. 6. No person shall block any fire vehicle fire lane with an unattended motor vehicle upon the lands of any public building or commercial building which shall have established emergency fire vehicle fire lanes and posted such lanes with signs at least every 200 feet including the words "fire lane".

191.007 - Terms of penalty.

Sec. 7. Penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be, upon conviction thereof, a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

191.008 - Effective date.

[Sec. 8.] This Ordinance shall become effective on the 24th day of March, 1970.