

## **ORDINANCE NO. 7-112 (OPEN BURNING)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Jonesville, South Carolina, finds it necessary to regulate open burning in order to promote public health, safety, and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, unregulated open burning may pose a risk of fire hazards, air pollution, and other safety concerns;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of Jonesville, South Carolina, as follows:

### **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate open burning within the Town of Jonesville to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and to reduce the risk of uncontrolled fires and environmental hazards.

### **SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

1. **Open Burning:** The burning of any materials in an open area or in an outdoor container without a chimney or stack.
2. **Recreational Fire:** A small fire used for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes, such as a fire pit or campfire.
3. **Yard Waste:** Leaves, grass clippings, brush, and other organic materials resulting from lawn care or landscaping.
4. **Prohibited Materials:** Any materials that produce noxious fumes, toxic smoke, or excessive pollutants, including but not limited to rubber, plastics, chemicals, construction materials, and treated wood.

### **SECTION 3: GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. Recreational fires shall be allowed but must be contained in a single appropriate fire pit, ring, or other non-combustible container and shall not exceed ten (10) feet by ten (10) feet.
2. All fires must be attended by a responsible adult at all times and have immediate access to fire-extinguishing equipment such as water, sand, or a fire extinguisher.
3. Open burning is **strictly prohibited** during periods of drought, high winds, or other conditions as determined by the Fire Department or the South Carolina Forestry Commission.
4. Burning of prohibited materials, including but not limited to tires, plastics, hazardous waste, and construction debris, is strictly prohibited.
5. The Fire Department or law enforcement officers have the authority to order the immediate extinguishment of any fire deemed unsafe or in violation of this ordinance.

### **SECTION 4: COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS**

1. Commercial contractors must obtain a burn permit from the Town Hall prior to conducting any open burning.

2. The cost of the burn permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per day.
3. Contractors must comply with all guidelines set forth in this ordinance, including fire safety measures and prohibited materials restrictions.
4. Failure to obtain a permit or adhere to regulations may result in penalties as outlined in Section 5.
5. Commercial contractors can only burn during daylight hours. No combustible material may be added to the fire two hours prior to sunset.

#### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**


1. Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 per offense.
2. The Town of Jonesville Police Department and Code Enforcement officers are authorized to enforce this ordinance and issue citations for non-compliance.
3. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

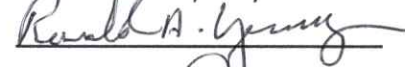
#### **SECTION 6: EXCEPTIONS**


1. This ordinance does not apply to fires set by or under the direction of the Fire Department for training or hazard abatement purposes.
2. Cooking fires, such as grills or barbecue pits, are permitted but must be used in a safe manner and comply with all fire safety regulations.
3. Commercial or industrial burning activities permitted by state or federal agencies may be exempt but must adhere to all applicable laws.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RATIFIED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jonesville, South Carolina in meeting assembled this 4 day of March, 2025

  
Ernest Moore, Mayor

  
Ronald Young, Town Council

  
Ann Queen, Town Council

  
Ronnie Jenkins, Town Council

  
Preston Bennett, Town Council

Attest:   
April Smith, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF JONESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**COMMERCIAL BURN PERMIT**

Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**BURN SITE LOCATION**

Address/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Materials to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT CONDITIONS**

1. The permit holder must comply with all regulations set forth in the Town of Jonesville Open Burning Ordinance.
2. The permit is valid only for the date(s) specified and must be renewed daily at a cost of \$5.00 per day.
3. Open burning must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
4. Proper fire suppression equipment (water, sand, or fire extinguisher) must be readily available.
5. Burning of prohibited materials, including plastics, tires, treated wood, and hazardous waste, is strictly prohibited.
6. Burning is not permitted during periods of drought, high winds, or other hazardous conditions as determined by the Fire Department.
7. The Fire Department or law enforcement has the authority to revoke this permit and order extinguishment if burning is deemed unsafe or non-compliant.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURES**

By signing below, the permit holder acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the conditions of this permit and the Town of Jonesville Open Burning Ordinance.

Permit Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Issued By (Town Official): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Permit Fee Paid: Yes / No

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Cash / Check / Credit