

Chapter 31. BURNING, OUTDOOR

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Goshen 3-25-1998 by Ord. No. 3-1998; amended in its entirety 5-12-2010 by Ord. No. 04-2010. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire prevention — See Ch. 41.

Garbage and recycling — See Ch. 45.

Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 57.

§ 31-1. Burning prohibited.

It is unlawful to burn or to authorize another to burn any materials, natural or man-made, including but not limited to, leaves, twigs, trees, brush, lumber, building materials, construction waste materials, municipal waste, recyclable materials and any commercial or industrial by-product waste materials of any kind, outdoors anywhere within West Goshen Township.

§ 31-2. Extinguishment of dangerous fires.

Any fire on public or private property may be extinguished by the local fire company having jurisdiction, either with or without consent of the property owner or person in charge thereof if, in the opinion of the West Goshen Township Fire Marshal, a West Goshen Township police officer or Township Codes Enforcement Officer, such fire constitutes a danger to persons or property or is in violation of this chapter.

§ 31-3. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates or permits the violation of any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding brought before a District Justice under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be subject to the payment of a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, plus the costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment in the county prison for a term of not more than 30 days. Each section or provision of this chapter that is violated shall constitute a separate offense, and each day or portion thereof in which a violation of this chapter is found to exist shall constitute a separate offense, each of which violations shall be punishable by a separate fine imposed by the District Justice of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, plus the costs of prosecution, or upon default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment in the county prison for a term of not more than 30 days. All fines and penalties collected for the violation of this chapter shall be paid to the Township Treasurer.