



**VERNON**  
 THE GOLDEN LINK  
**BURNING PERMIT**

Meeting 7:30 PM  
First Thursday  
Each Month

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/DATES OF BURNING: \_\_\_\_\_

EXACT LOCATION OF BURNING: \_\_\_\_\_

The following restrictions MUST be observed:

1. Fires will be under constant supervision.
2. No fire will be lit in the event of a burning ban.
3. No fire before dawn or after dusk.
4. No fire on Sundays.
5. No fire if winds are greater than 15 miles per hour.
6. Precautions will be taken to protect surrounding properties.
7. No burning of TIRES, BATTERIES, SHINGLES or any HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.
8. SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE

Any violation of any of the above items will subject property owner to fines and/or legal action by the Vernon Township Police Department.

Property owner will be held financially responsible for any loss or property damage incurred to others as a result of a privately held fire with or without a burning permit.

I have read and understand the above restrictions.

Property owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Officer/Signature and Title \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TITLE

**IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY - DIAL 911**

	FAXED TO VERNON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	337-6457
	FAXED TO VERNON CENTRAL HOSE COMPANY	337-8887

**PART 1**

**OPEN FIRES AND BURNING**

**§101. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Part is to prevent public and private nuisances caused by outdoor fires deliberately or carelessly set and maintained and to avoid unnecessary calls and false alarms to the fire departments providing service to residents of the Township of Vernon.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §1)

**§102. DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Part the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

**COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS** - paper, bags, old clothes, leather, carpets, wood, brush, tree branches, tree leaves, yard trimmings, furniture and other similar materials.

**COMMERCIAL BURNING** - the burning of solid or liquid material or rubbish resulting from construction, building operations or the prosecution of any business, trade or industry including, but not limited to, plastic products, cartons, paint, grease, oil, chemicals, cinders and other forms of solid or liquid waste materials.

**CONTAINED FIRE** - any fire contained in an incinerator, a fireplace designed for outdoor cooking or a fireproof container.

**FIRE** - any fire set or maintained outside of a building other than a gas or charcoal fire used for cooking purposes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** - any organized fire department providing fire protection services to the residents of the Township of Vernon.

**GARBAGE** - all putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**INCINERATOR** - any device specifically designed for the destruction by burning of refuse or any other combustible material; the burning capacity of such a device must be intense enough so as to eliminate potential sparks and burning embers.

**PERMIT** - a burning permit issued by the Township of Vernon governing uncontained fires.

**PERSON** - an individual, partnership, association, corporation, department, bureau, agency or other legal entity.

## FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION

**UNCONTAINED FIRE** - any fire except a contained fire as hereinbefore defined in this Part.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §2)

### §103. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.

1. No person shall set or maintain a fire within 50 feet of any building or property line.
2. No person shall set or maintain a fire on any public road nor within the rights-of-way of any public road, on any public property except where a designated area has been set aside for this purpose and an appropriate container has been provided to contain such fire.
3. No person shall set or maintain a fire that may endanger any building or property except when such building or property is being used by a fire department for training exercises.
4. No person shall set or maintain a fire on Sunday except a contained fire as hereinbefore defined in this Part; provided, that this restriction would not apply to fires set or maintained in connection with the training of a fire department.
5. No person shall set or maintain a fire for the purpose of burning garbage as hereinbefore defined in this Part.
6. No person shall set or maintain a fire involving commercial burning as hereinbefore identified in this Part without first securing a burning permit from the Township of Vernon.
6. No fire, contained or uncontained, shall be set or maintained unless constantly attended by at least one adult person.
7. Any contained or uncontained fire is:
  - A. Not permitted to burn in an unsafe manner under adverse weather conditions.
  - B. Unsupervised.
  - C. Creating a public nuisance.
  - D. Determined unsafe by the duly designated enforcement officer or by a Supervisor of the Township of Vernon and shall be extinguished immediately upon demand by such person.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §3)

### §104. CONTAINED FIRES.

1. Only contained fires shall be utilized for the purpose of burning readily combustible materials.
2. No contained fire shall be permitted to burn or smolder between sunset and sunrise.
3. A contained fire that causes noxious odors or excess smoke or creates a fire hazard is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and subject to enforcement as provided by law and/or pursuant to the penal provisions of this Part or both.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §4)

#### §105. UNCONTAINED FIRES.

1. No uncontained fire shall be permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist or when a ban on burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the County of Crawford or the Board of Supervisors of Vernon Township. Notice of such restrictions shall be given by notice in a paper of general circulation and by posting a notice at the Township Municipal Building or by giving such other notice as the Board of Supervisors of Vernon Township shall deem appropriate from time to time.
2. No uncontained fire shall be utilized for the purpose of burning readily combustible materials or garbage as hereinbefore defined in this Part.
3. No uncontained fire shall be allowed to burn or smolder between sunset and sunrise.
4. In the event it is necessary to have an uncontained fire at other than the times permitted under the terms of this Part, then, and in that event, a permit shall be secured from the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon and a copy of said permit shall be delivered to the Vernon Township Fire Department.
5. An uncontained fire which shall cause noxious odors, excess smoke or create a fire hazard is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and subject to enforcement as provided by law and/or pursuant to the penal provisions of this Part or both.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §5)

#### §106. ENFORCEMENT.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon shall appoint designated enforcement officers who, in addition to the Board of Supervisors of Vernon Township, shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Part.

(Ord. 1992-5, -/-/1992, §6)

#### §107. PENALTIES.