

Resolution No. 25 -94

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM TO REDUCE THE BURNING OF YARD WASTE

WHEREAS, nearly all yard waste burning occurs during the fall season which we have just entered; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 1993, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham did pass and approve Ordinance No. 93-47, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BURNING OF YARD WASTE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM; and

WHEREAS, studies by the Environmental Health Center and the American Thoracic Society have found that the levels of pollutants and particulate matter produced by burning yard waste result in an increase in acute respiratory illness, particularly in pre-school children and older adults; and

WHEREAS, 72 of the 718 students attending Chatham Elementary School have been identified to have respiratory problems, allergies, or other ailments which are aggravated by smoke; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association of Illinois states that a reduction in yard waste burning reduces the incidence of respiratory illness, thus lowering the number of medical visits, school and workplace absenteeism, and discomfort by those who suffer from lung disease and allergies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The regulations governing the burning of

yard waste contained in Ordinance No. 93-47 will be enforced. These regulations are as follows:

1. Burning of yard waste is prohibited prior to 7:00a.m. and after 7:00p.m. or sunset, whichever is earlier. Burning is prohibited all day Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Each fire must be completely extinguished during times when burning is prohibited.

2. Burning of yard waste is prohibited on national holidays.

3. Burning of yard waste is prohibited when there is no wind movement or when winds could constitute a hazard from airborne sparks or embers which could spread fires.

4. Burning of yard waste must be personally supervised at all times by a person at least 14 years of age.

5. Persons burning yard waste shall do so with due regard for the safety of others and shall take appropriate precautions to ensure that the fire is and can be contained at all times.

6. Burning of yard waste which has a moisture content that will not allow for an open and visible flame is prohibited.

7. Burning of yard waste which has been chemically treated or which produces noxious odors is prohibited.

8. Burning or dumping of yard waste on public property, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks and alleys, is prohibited.

9. Burning of yard waste emitting excessive smoke,

thereby creating a visibility hazard, including but not limited to a hazard on a roadway, sidewalk or private drive, is prohibited at all times.

SECTION 2: In addition to complying with the regulations above, residents are encouraged to refrain from burning yard waste when conditions make it likely that smoke will drift into school yards and playgrounds when children are present.

SECTION 3: Residents are encouraged to dispose of yard waste by other legal methods which do not require burning; such as composting or bagging for removal.

SECTION 4: Residents are encouraged to be considerate of their neighbors who have health problems which are aggravated by smoke.

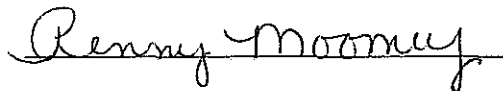
SECTION 5: The Village Clerk shall forthwith cause this Resolution to be published in the Chatham Clarion.

Passed this 27 day of September, 1994.



Village President

ATTEST:



Village Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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APPROVED: 9-27-94

