

ORDINANCE NO. 1204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA RELATING TO OPEN BURNING BAN; TO AMEND SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 7-208; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Article 2, Section 7-208 of the Springfield Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

§7-208 FIRE PREVENTION; OPEN BURNING BAN; WAIVER.

(A) There shall be an open burning ban on all bonfires, outdoor rubbish fires, and fires for the purpose of clearing land.

(B) (1) The Fire Chief of the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District or his or her designee may waive an open burning ban under division (A) above for an area under the City Fire Department's jurisdiction by issuing an open burning permit to a person requesting permission to conduct open burning. The permit issued by the Fire Chief to a person desiring to conduct open burning shall at a minimum contain:

- (a) The name and telephone number of the landowner;
- (b) The burn location;
- (c) The date and beginning and ending time of the burn;
- (d) A description of the material to be burned; and
- (e) The name and telephone number of the person responsible for the burn.

(2) The Fire Chief may have additional requirements for a burn to be permitted. The permit shall contain the signature, written or electronic, of the local Fire Chief. The State Fire Marshal shall provide a sample form with the minimum requirements on the website of the State Fire Marshal.

(C) The Fire Chief may waive the open burning ban in the Rural Fire Protection District's jurisdiction when conditions are acceptable to the Chief. Anyone intending to burn in that jurisdiction when the open burning ban has been waived shall notify the Fire Chief of his or her intention to burn prior to starting the burn.

(D) The Fire Chief may adopt standards listing the conditions acceptable for issuing a permit to conduct open burning under division (B) above.

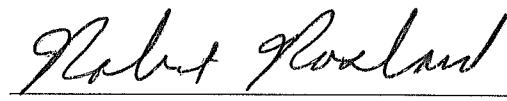
(E) The Fire Department may charge a fee not to exceed \$10 for each such permit issued. This fee shall be remitted to the Rural Fire Protection District. These funds shall not reduce the tax requirements for the Fire Department. No such fee shall be collected from any state or political subdivision to which such a permit is issued to conduct open burning under division (B) above in the course of that state's or political subdivision's official duties.

(Neb. RS 81-520.01) Penalty, see §7-401.

Section 2. Any other ordinance or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 17th day of June 2025.

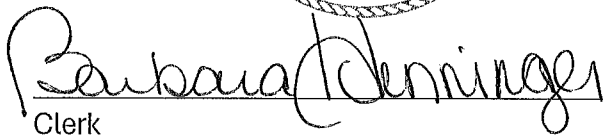


Mayor

(SEAL)



Attest:



Clerk