ORDINANCE NO. 956-A

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER Richard Carruthers

REGULATING OUTDOOR BURNING AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Warrenton does ordain as follows:

- <u>Section 1.</u> All outdoor fires are to be regulated and conform to DEQ and EPA regulations.
- <u>Section 2.</u> It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within the limits of this jurisdiction of the City of Warrenton to burn refuse, leaves, trash, dirt, boxes, wood, or paper without a valid permit issued by the city.
- <u>Section 3.</u> Any person wanting to burn within the city of Warrenton shall apply for a permit during regular business hours at the Warrenton City Hall. The issuance of a permit does not exonerate the applicant from any damage or injury which may result from their burning of a fire.
- <u>Section 4.</u> The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall issue such permits without charge.
- <u>Section 5</u> If the fire chief or his representative receives a complaint of a smoke problem, the fire chief, or his representative may order the extinguishment of the fire.
- <u>Section 6</u> The fire chief of Warrenton may impose such regulations and restrictions in connection with the issuance of such permits and with such burning as in his/her judgment are required in the public interest on a case by case basis.
- <u>Section 7</u> All fires will be no larger than 400 cubic feet (10 x 10×4) or contained within a burn barrel not larger than a 55 gallon capacity.
- <u>Section 8</u> All burn barrels will be covered with a fine mesh (not larger than 1/2" by 1/2") screen during any burning.
- <u>Section 9</u> A minimum of 50 feet will be maintained between any open fire and any structure. A minimum of 20 feet will be maintained between any building and a burn barrel.
- <u>Section 10</u> At all times a garden hose or other fire extinguishing equipment must be on hand.
- <u>Section 11</u> Any permit holder must call Warrenton Fire Department prior to ignition to check weather conditions for safe burning times or other environmental conditions which may affect air quality.
- <u>Section 12</u> A permit is in effect for a maximum of 30 days from date of issuance.
- <u>Section 13</u> Any officer of the City of Warrenton Fire or Police Departments may, without notice, revoke any burn permit for failure to comply with this code.
- <u>Section 14</u> Fire during land clearing operations may exceed the size limit only when a piece of equipment (backhoe, bulldozer, etc) and an operator is on site during any burning operation.

<u>Section 15</u> It is prohibited to burn any painted wood, plywood, food rubbish, tires, composition siding or roofing, styrofoam, rubber, plastics, polyethylene products, paints, or any hydrocarbon based product.

<u>Section 16</u> The burning of any product which emits an obnoxious or objectionable odor is prohibited.

<u>Section 17</u> Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500,00, exclusive of any penalties assessed by the State of Oregon.

PASSED by the City Commission this 17th day of January, 1996.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton this <u>17th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1996.

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ATTEST

Lowon City Manager/Auditor

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