

ORDINANCE NO. 729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS, PROHIBITING OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS UNLESS AUTHORIZED TO DO SO AS ENUMERATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Sedgwick wishes to regulate various types of burning within the city limits, provide for exceptions to any general prohibitions, and to specify penalties for violation of any such prohibition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: BURNING TRASH: RUBBISH, PROHIBITED. With the exception of the City of Sedgwick burnsite; no papers, shavings, weeds, brush, grass, leaves, trash, rubbish, tree trimmings, building materials, etc., shall be burned outside at any time in the city.

SECTION TWO: BURNING DRY GRASS. This article shall not be construed to prohibit the burning-off of dry grass which shall be permitted at the discretion and express authorization of the fire chief as evidenced by a properly issued written permit.

SECTION THREE: BONFIRES. Bonfires for pep rallies and other special occasions shall be permitted at the discretion and express authorization of the fire chief evidenced by a properly issued written permit specifically noting time, place, and duration.

SECTION FOUR: OUTDOOR COOKING. A fire may be built in any outdoor stove, oven, fireplace, chimenea, barbecue pit, or portable burner for the purpose of cooking food: provided, that any such unit shall be solidly enclosed on all sides and the top surface shall be covered in a material such as wire mesh sufficient to contain any burning embers and ash. Any fire so started shall be extinguished and made safe before the persons starting and maintaining the same shall leave the place where the fire was started.

SECTION FIVE: ACCUMULATIONS OF TRASH. With the exception of properly maintained mulch piles, accumulations of waste paper, hay, grass, straw, weeds, litter or combustible or flammable waste, rubbish or trash of any kind shall not be permitted to remain in any part of any building, structure or upon the roof thereof.


SECTION SIX: PENALTY. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100.00, or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days, or be both so fined and imprisoned.

SECTION SEVEN: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. However, any section of an existing ordinance not in conflict herewith is not repealed and remains in full force and effect.

SECTION EIGHT: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

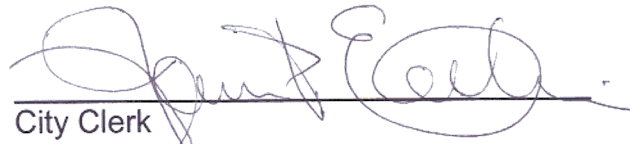
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, on the 3rd day of January, 2006.

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Mayor, City of Sedgwick

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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