

**TOWN OF MILLHOUSEN
ORDINANCE 2026-4**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE TOWN OF
MILLHOUSEN**

An Ordinance Regulating Open Burning

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect public health, safety, property, and the environment by regulating open burning within the Town of Millhousesen.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance:

1. **Open Burning:** The burning of any material in the open air, including burn barrels, fire pits, piles, or similar outdoor fires, where combustion products are emitted directly into the atmosphere without passing through a chimney or approved incinerator.
2. **Recreational Fire:** A small, contained fire used for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes, such as a campfire or fire pit.
3. **Prohibited Materials:** Any materials that create excessive smoke, toxic fumes, or hazards, including but not limited to garbage, plastics, rubber, tires, treated or painted wood, construction debris, or hazardous waste.
4. **Fire Official:** The Town Fire Chief or any authorized representative.

Section 3. General Prohibition

Open burning within town limits is prohibited except as specifically allowed under this ordinance.

Section 4. Permitted Burning

The following types of burning are permitted, subject to compliance with all conditions in this ordinance:

1. Recreational Fires

- Must be contained within a fire pit, ring, or similar approved enclosure.
- Fires must be constantly attended by a responsible adult.
- A water source or fire extinguisher must be immediately available.

2. Yard Waste Burning

- Limited to natural vegetation such as leaves, branches, and brush.

Section 5. Prohibited Burning

The following are strictly prohibited at all times:

- 1. Burning of prohibited materials as defined in Section 2.
- 2. Burning during declared burn bans, drought emergencies, or high fire danger conditions.
- 3. Burning that creates a public nuisance, excessive smoke, or health hazard.

Section 6. Burn Bans and Emergency Authority

The Fire Official or Town Council may impose temporary or emergency burn bans when weather, air quality, or other conditions pose a fire or safety risk. All burning must cease immediately upon declaration of a burn ban.

Section 7. Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Fire Department or other authorized town officials.

Section 8. Severability

If any section or provision of this ordinance is found invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

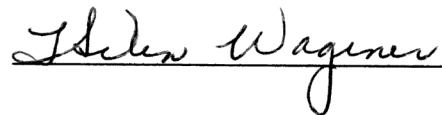
ADOPTED this 7 day of April, 2026.

Town Council of Millhousen

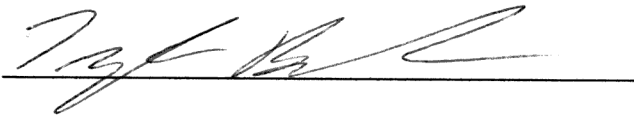
Attest:



Council President



Clerk/Treasurer



Council Vice President