

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
TO REGULATE AND CONTROL  
THE KINDLING, GUARDING AND SAFEKEEPING OF FIRES

Article 13

ORDINANCE

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:39I(e), the Town of Litchfield hereby adopts the following ordinance to provide for the control and regulation of the kindling, guarding and safekeeping of fires within the Town:

Section 1: No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material within the Town of Litchfield irrespective of whether the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written permit from the Town Fire Chief or his designee.

Section 2: The Fire Chief or his designee may prohibit any and all outdoor fires and bonfires including but not limited to camp or cooking fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Section 3: Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to prohibit the use of wood in inside fireplaces and stoves used for cooking, the use of wood in fireplaces for decorative fires or the use of wood in fireplaces or stoves designated for heating.

Section 4: The Fire Chief shall establish reasonable regulations from time to time which shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their approval which will specify the time, place, the equipment that is required to control the fire, and the number of persons required to be in attendance at any time until the fire is completely extinguished.

Section 5: Any person, firm or corporation causing or kindling a fire without a permit, when a permit is required, and also any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, is liable to the Town for all expenses incurred in attending or extinguishing such fire.

Section 6: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned one year, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 7: The effective date of the Ordinance shall be May 1, 1993.

Passed March 19, 1993  
Voice Vote

PERMISSION TO KINDLE  
CAMP OR COOKING FIRES

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following article (Under authority of S. 39, C 235 R.L.) It shall be unlawful for any person to kindle or cause to be kindled a camp or cooking fire in this Town without permission of the Forest Fire Warden.

Passed March 13, 1951

Voice Vote

Note: Wording of Article 12 is from the 1951 Town Warrant published in the Town Report for year ending December 31, 1950. Official minutes of Town Meeting states "Article 12 - Voted we pass article 12."