

Controlled Burns

ORDINANCE 2008-104

An Ordinance Allowing Controlled Burns within the Town

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ROLLING HILLS:

Abatement of weed growth and accumulation that constitutes a fire hazard may be conducted by controlled burning in the Town of Rolling Hills with the written permission of the Fire Department, subject to their requirements, and under the supervision and direction of the Fire Department. For such purposes, the following shall apply:

- a. No such burning shall be allowed unless, in the opinion of the Fire Department, such burning is necessary and can be conducted without risk to life or property.
- b. Such burn shall be conducted in strict compliance with the requirement of the Fire Department as to the area of the controlled burn; the time and required weather or other conditions for such controlled burn; the availability of equipment, supervision and personnel, water and other fire suppression measures deemed necessary to limit and control the burning; and, other requirements and measures deemed appropriate by the Fire Department.
- c. No controlled burns shall be allowed if Converse County has issued a countywide fire ban.
- d. Rolling Hills Town Hall is notified of the intent to conduct a controlled burn at least twenty-four (24) hours before the burn is commenced by means of a resident submitting an Application for Controlled Burn Permit to the Town Hall.
- e. Applicant is to contact the Glenrock Fire Department through the Glenrock Police Department within two (2) hours prior to the actual burn for final approval by the Fire Department. The Glenrock Fire Department will contact or leave a message at the Rolling Hills Town Hall confirming that they have been contacted by the applicant, and have or have not given final approval for a controlled burn.
- f. All controlled burns will be conducted between the hours of 6pm and 8am.
- g. All costs related to such burns, including those related to the requirements of the Fire Department, shall be paid by the owner of the property on which the burn is to be conducted.
- h. In the case of controlled burns on private lands, the owner of the lands on which the burning is conducted shall be solely responsible for any and all injuries and damages caused by said burning regardless of where the damages occur and, prior to commencing said burn, the owner of said lands shall execute a release and waiver, suitable to the Town of Rolling Hills, fully releasing and holding the Town harmless from any injury and/or damage caused by said burning.

Any person violating any portion of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The maximum penalty shall be a fine of \$750.00 and each incident of causing a controlled burn without adhering to this Ordinance may be considered a separate violation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2008.
Mayor Gerry Minton