

CHAPTER 210

SECTION 210-1095: AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE WHEN OPEN BURNING IS LEGAL, AND WHAT IS LEGAL TO BURN IN OPEN BURNING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of Merriam Woods, Missouri as follows:

A. Illegal Burning

- a. The City of Merriam Woods allows open burning of yard waste from sites provided it originates and is burned on the same premises. Materials such as tires or used oil may not be used to start the fires or be burned in the fires. Yard waste includes tree branches two (2) inches or less in diameter, leaves, brush, or other vegetation.
- b. Burning of garbage, trash, and/or rubbish is prohibited.
- c. Burning of furniture, mattresses, carpet, or any other household items is prohibited.
- d. The location is not less than twenty-five (25) feet from any structures or combustible matter, and adequate provision are made to prevent the fire from spreading to within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure.
- e. Burn piles shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic feet (five (5) feet X five (5) feet) in size.

B. Negligent Burning

- a. All burning must be monitored at all times. All burning must have access to water and/or tools to extinguish the fire if it gets out of control, or exceeds the size limit.

C. Open Burning for Recreation Purposes

- a. Campfires and other fires used solely for recreational purposes or outdoor noncommercial preparation of food are allowed in Missouri. Fires shall include only vegetative woody materials, or untreated wood products, or products designed for fire starting (such as, but not limited to, Duraflame Firestarter). All recreational fires must conform to the aforementioned requirements.

D. Open Burning in Land-Clearing Operations, Commercial and Non-Commercial Properties

- a. Open burning of tree trunks, tree limbs, and vegetation from land-clearing operations is allowed if the burning taking place is greater than two hundred (200) feet from the nearest occupied structure. Materials such as tires or used oil may not be used to start the fires or be burned in the fires. Only natural products such as trees, leaves, brush, or other vegetation may be burned.

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- b. Prior to burning:
 - i. Western Taney County Fire Protection District must be notified seven (7) business days prior to burning.
 - ii. Merriam Woods City Hall must be notified, and a permit must be obtained, seven (7) business days prior to burning.
 - 1. The person who was notified at Western Taney County Fire District must be present when getting the permit.
 - 2. The permit is valid for three (3) days only
 - a. An extension can be purchased per day.
 - iii. Merriam Woods Police Department must be notified seven (7) business days prior to burning.

This Ordinance Number 210-1095 shall be in full force and effect this 13th day of February, 2024, from and after its passage.

Passed and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Merriam Woods, Missouri this 13th day of February, 2024.

First Reading

	Yea	Nay
Michael Robertson	X	_____
Sheila Karges	X	_____
Terri Conner	absent	_____
Scott Flaming	absent	_____
Peggy Fischer	X	_____
Rebecka Gillen	X	_____

Second Reading

	Yea	Nay
Michael Robertson	X	_____
Sheila Karges	X	_____
Terri Conner	absent	_____
Scott Flaming	absent	_____
Peggy Fischer	X	_____
Rebecka Gillen	X	_____

Mayor: _____
Richard Hundley

City Clerk: _____
Edie Rownd