

ORDINANCE NO. 1875

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BURNING RESTRICTIONS,
OF TITLE 4, FIRE REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY CODE OF
THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Background Recitals

WHEREAS, The City of Spring Valley has previously enacted restrictions on burning materials within the City limits, codified as Chapter 3, BURNING RESTRICTIONS, of Title 4, FIRE REGULATIONS, of the Spring Valley City Code; and

WHEREAS, The Spring Valley City Council recently reviewed said burning restrictions; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Spring Valley deem it to be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Spring Valley to update the restrictions on burning materials within the City limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS BELOW.

Section 1: The findings contained in the Background Recitals to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2: Chapter 3, BURNING RESTRICTIONS, of Title 4, FIRE REGULATIONS, of the Spring Valley City Code shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

4-3-1: Rubbish Burning

It shall be unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds, or grass at any time other than as specifically allowed by Section 4-3-2 of this Chapter. The burning of any other material such as rubber, tires, tar paper, leather, batteries, or any other material which emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the City limits of the City of Spring Valley, Illinois.

4-3-2: Burning Allowed

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned, provided that the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance, or fire hazard due to high winds, at specific times of the year. Combustible yard waste material may be burned from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., but only in the Spring (April 1st – May 31st) and Fall (September 1st – November 30th). No burning shall be allowed on, or adjacent to, any asphalt or any paved street. No burning shall be allowed on any day when Hall Township High School is hosting home football games. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste outside of those specified hours and times of year is a nuisance, and anyone kindling such a fire will be considered to be performing an unlawful act

4-3-3: Burn Barrels

It shall be unlawful for any person to have or keep within the City limits a burn barrel, fine wire mesh, or concrete block enclosure, or any other structure or device which could be used for the burning of garbage, rubbish, or any other combustible material.

4-3-4: Recreational Fires

It shall not be unlawful to have an outdoor fire burning materials other than garbage or rubbish where the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill, or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

4-3-5: Penalty

Any person or persons who violate any provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars for each offense.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.


PRESENTED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Spring Valley, Bureau County, Illinois, on July 17, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

RECORD OF THE VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
VanSchaick	✓			
Herrmann		✓		
Affelt	✓			
Chiaventone	✓			
Campbell	✓			
Baltikauski				✓
Pellegrini	✓			
Bogacz	✓			

APPROVED:


Melanie Malooley Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Hansen, City Clerk