

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

*Unsigned
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In the Matter of Amending)
Smoke Management Ordinance,)
codified in Chapter 95,)
Code of Ordinances)

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-07

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has ordained Ordinance No. 98-09, adopting management of open burning and smoke management, including the creation and the appointment of a Smoke Management Committee, which ordinance is codified as Chapter 95, Umatilla County Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS the Umatilla County Smoke Management Committee recommended a number of changes to the smoke management ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of Umatilla County ordains that Chapter 95, Umatilla County Code of Ordinances, shall be amended to read as follows (deleted words are struck-through and added words are italicized and underlined):

§ 95.01 PURPOSE

Open Burning Not Regulated by this Ordinance. The scope of this ordinance is not to include within its regulation the following open burning:

- E. Fires conducted by a fire district or state or federal agency for training, or practice or research purposes.

§ 95.04 DESIGNATED BURN DAYS

2. Permit holders shall contact the designated Smoke Management Information Number prior to initiating a burn in order to determine the designated burn status for the day, which will be either BURN or NO BURN. If both a morning and afternoon status report are provided, persons burning prior to 12:00 noon shall call for the morning

burn status report and persons burning in the afternoon shall call for the afternoon burn status report, prior to igniting any fires after ~~12:00 noon~~ 10:00 a.m.

5. The following days shall automatically constitute NO BURN days:

- D. For the events listed below, no Open Burning shall be allowed within a radius of three miles of the event site, nor within 5 miles generally upwind of the site of the following events:

(8) Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days (Walla Walla); and

- F. A local Fire District may veto the ignition of a burn in their District on a designated Burn Day for the following reasons:

- (1) Inadequate fire district equipment and/or personnel available to fight a possible new wildfire (such as might occur if the fire district were already involved with an existing wildfire, or had not yet had time to reload their equipment following an earlier wildfire).
- (2) Inadequate fire district equipment and/or personnel available to fight a possible new wildfire.
- (3) Local wind conditions involving wind speed conditions in excess of 20 mph.
- (4) Current or predicted local wind conditions involve higher wind speeds that would potentially pose an unreasonable threat by moving a wildfire quickly toward some outdoor public event, or some significant combustible community or private asset.
- (5) Inappropriate smoke dispersal pattern from an existing burn in the area. In this instance, the local fire district might caution the burner to ignite a smaller (40 acres, more or less) "test burn" to determine current local smoke dispersal conditions prior to igniting a larger burn.

8. On BURN days, no open burn shall be ignited before 7:30 A.M. or after ~~two~~ three hours before sunset. All open flame shall be extinguished no later than one hour after sunset, including smoldering piles of materials, unless there is at least one person designated to provide ongoing fire safety watch at all times, including through the night if necessary to assure fire safety and to prevent unwarranted smoke emissions.

§ 95.05 HAZE REDUCTION DAYS

1. The following days shall be Haze Reduction Days, requiring a high standard for smoke dispersal before being designated with BURN day status for part of all of the county:

A. On the days of the events listed below, outside a radius of three miles of the event site and beyond 5 miles generally upwind of the site:

(8) Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days (Walla Walla)

§ 95.06 PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING

3. No materials on the DEQ list of materials prohibited from open burning may be burned in Umatilla County. (See Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340-023-0042(2). 340-264-0060(3))

FIRST READING: March 15, 2006

SECOND READING: April 5, 2006

DATED this 5th day of April, 2006.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:
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