

ORDINANCE NO. 3939-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 188, TO BE ENTITLED FIREWOOD.

SUMMARY

This ordinance provides requirements for the storage of firewood used for fuel or decorative burning in a fireplace or stove.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I

**CHAPTER 188
FIREWOOD**

§188-1. Firewood Stack Requirements

- A. The firewood shall be cut and stored in neat, secured stacks.
- B. The firewood shall not be stacked closer than three (3) feet to any lot line unless it is beside a fence which blocks it from view.
- C. The firewood stack shall not be higher than five (5) feet.
- D. The firewood shall be stored a minimum of six (6) inches off the ground and on a well-supported, non-rotting base.
- E. All brush, debris and refuse from processing of firewood shall be properly disposed of within ten (10) days.
- F. Firewood stacks that contain diseased wood capable of transmitting disease to healthy trees and wood stacks that harbor or are infested by rats or other vermin are public nuisances and shall be abated pursuant to the provisions of this Code.

SECTION II

Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey.

Introduced: June 14, 2011
Public Hearing: July 12, 2011
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Effective Date: August 1, 2011

Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk