

# VILLAGE/TOWN OF SOMERS ORDINANCE CHAPTER 5 "FIRE & RESCUE"

## PARAGRAPH 5.115 "OUTDOOR BURNING"

### QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

It is your responsibility to read and understand the Ordinance in its entirety prior to burning; however, we have provided this quick reference guide for your convenience. A complete copy of Ordinance 5.115 may be obtained at the Village/Town Hall, or on the Somers website at [www.somers.org](http://www.somers.org).

### QUICK REFERENCE

- Burning of materials that produce black smoke is prohibited.
- Pile of material to be burned shall not exceed 4' x 4' x 4'.
- No fire should be within 25' of any structure or other combustibles.
- Provisions should be made to control and prevent the spread of fire.
- Fire must not be left unattended.
- Do not burn if wind speed is above 10 MPH. **If you are not sure about wind speed, please call the Somers Fire Department recorded daily Burn Line at 262-552-3540 to verify if burning is permitted.**
- Open burning is only permitted during daylight hours with the exception of camp fires.
- Burn barrels are prohibited.
- Burning should be done in a safe manner to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard to other people or visibility hazard on roadways.
- No materials shall be burned on any roadway or culvert.
- Camp fires are allowed without a permit until midnight. Camp fires must be no larger than 2' x 2' x 2' and must be contained in a fire pit or ring.
- Flammable liquids shall not be used to start or propagate fires.
- During open burning between April 15 to May 15, and October 15 to November 30, no permit is required for open burning; however, all burning Ordinances apply and are in force.

You are responsible if your fire is out of control and you may become liable for all expenses incurred in suppressing the fire. You may also be responsible for all damages caused by your fire.

Annual burn permit forms are available for review on the Somers website in the "forms and licenses" section. Permit forms are also available at the Village/Town of Somers Hall during normal business hours. Permits require payment of a fee and the term of a permit ends on December 31 of the year it was purchased.

If you have any questions, please contact the Somers Fire Department Station #1 at 262-859-2822, or Station #2 at 262-552-7262.