Town of Marshfield
ORDINANCE No. 5-95
An Ordinance Relating to Open Burning

The Town Board of the Town of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

1.   In the interest of public safety and for the preservation of the property under the powers granted to towns, it is hereby determined that no outdoor burning including, but not limited to, the burning of brush, stumps, grass, weeds, refuse, building materials or other burnable waste shall be allowed without securing a permit for such burning prior to commencing the burning, excepting for burning of refuse in an enclosed container.

2.   Such permit shall be obtained from the Town Chairman, Fire Chief, or Assistant Fire Chief. All permits shall be recorded by the issuing official showing the name, phone number, material to be burned, and the location of the proposed burning and the date thereof. The permit must then be called into Marshfield Dispatch Center by the town official.

3.   Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the use of barbecue apparatus for cooking or outdoor fireplaces used within the township.

4.   Any person who burns without a permit shall be punished by a forfeiture of not less than $10.00 and not more than $100.00 plus court costs and the costs of prosecution. Each incident of burning shall be deemed a separate offense. The Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief shall deliver the citation.

5.   Any person who burns without a permit within the township causing a fire which results in a fire call by the fire department shall be billed by the Town Treasurer for the entire cost of such fire. This billing shall be made to the person who owns the property upon which the unauthorized fire was commenced. This charge shall be a lien against the property until paid and may, by proper procedures, be added to the tax roll of the Town of Marshfield.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted - May 1, 1995.
Allen W. Breu, Chairman
Janet A. Meyer, Clerk
(May 5, 1995)