

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIXTEEN, ARTICLE THREE,
SECTION THREE OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY
OF STAUNTON, ILLINOIS REGARDING BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE
IN STAUNTON, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton pursuant to Illinois law has the authority to establish restrictions on open burning of landscape waste in the City Corporate Limits; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously enacted restrictions on open burning of landscape waste, with these restrictions set forth in part in Revised Code Section 16-3-1, et seq; and

WHEREAS, since adopting the prior regulations, the City has determined that only allowing landscape waste to be burned on weekends does not allow a substantial number of residents who work on weekends to be able to remove landscape waste from their property, thereby keeping the City of Staunton generally free from landscape waste; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the inability of residents of Staunton to burn landscape waste on their property outside of the previously allowed weekend schedule, a substantial amount of leaves and other landscape waste has been caused to accumulate in City ditches and culverts, blocking the flow of water through those ditches and culverts, and causing increased flooding throughout Staunton; and

WHEREAS, after considerable deliberation and thought, the City has decided that additional burning days need to be permitted during the months of October through December of each year when the majority of residents are inside their homes due to the weather, so as to assist with alleviating flooding issues in the City of Staunton, Illinois.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Section 16-3-3(E) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Staunton

shall be amended to read as follows:

“(E) Open burning of landscape waste from December 16 through October 14th may only take place on Fridays and Saturdays, from sunrise to sunset, with a person over **eighteen (18) years of age** in attendance during the entire period of burning. Open burning of landscape waste from October 15 through December 15 may only take place from sunrise to sunset, with a person over **eighteen (18) years of age** in attendance during the entire period of burning.”

SECTION 2 – PENALTY: Violations of the restrictions set forth above shall carry with them penalties as provided for elsewhere by City Code or State and Federal Law and Regulations.

SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVE: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Any and all Ordinances, sections or subsections of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Roll Call Vote:

VOTING AYE:

