

**Athena Ordinances****ORDINANCE NO. 550****AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF RUBBISH AND OTHER MATERIALS WITHOUT A PERMIT AND REGULATING BURNING.**

The City of Athena, Oregon ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** No person, firm, association or corporation shall burn any combustible material of any nature within the city limits of the City of Athena without first having obtained a permit therefore from the city fire department or other person designated by the city council.

**Section 2.** The foregoing regulations shall not apply to household rubbish burned in approved incinerators or metal barrels with screened tops.

**Definition:** Rubbish – paper type products, but not food, clothing, wet garbage, or cans.

**Section 3.** No open burning, even under permit, shall be done during dry periods on days when a wind in excess of 5 miles per hour is blowing or at other times when, in the opinion of the city fire chief, such burning would create a fire hazard or nuisance.

**Section 4.** No burning shall be permitted within 20 feet of any building or other structure made of combustible material.

**Section 5.** The city fire chief or the city council by regulation shall have the power to prescribe the requirements for the permit required by Section 1 or this ordinance.

**Section 6.** Permits shall be available from the city fire chief or other person designated by the city council. Applications for such permits shall list the date, place and approximate time of the proposed burning and the type of material to be burned.

**Section 7.** Yard cleanup such as leaves, flowers, branches, etc., may be burned in a pile not to exceed 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high without a permit.

**Section 8.** All unattended burning barrels must have an adequate screen or cover to hold in large embers. Said screens shall have holes not exceeding ¼” in diameter.

**Section 9.** Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine by referendum.

Passed by the council and approved by the mayor March 12, 1991 and Ordinance #403 repealed.  
Passed by the council and approved by the mayor Nov. 15, 2007 and Ordinance #425 repealed.