ORDINANCE NO. 1992-14

OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana, desires to establish standards for open burning of material.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana, as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> No person shall open burn any material except as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 2: (a) The following types of fires are permitted:

- (1) Fires celebrating Twelfth Night Ceremonies.
- (2) Fires celebrating school pep rallies.
- (3) Fires celebrating scouting activities.
- (4) Fires used for recreational and cooking purposes, i.e., camp fires.
- (5) Residential burning: where residence contains four or fewer units. Burning shall be in a noncombustible container sufficiently vented to induce adequate primary combustion air with enclosed sides, a bottom, and a mesh covering with openings no larger than one fourth inch (1/4") square. Burning is prohibited in apartment complexes and mobile home parks.
- (b) All exemptions under subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to the following:
- (1) Only wood products, consisting of untreated wood or vegetation, shall be burned unless otherwise stated above.
- (2) Fires shall be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
- (3) If fires create a nuisance or a fire hazard, they shall be extinguished.
- (4) All residential burning shall occur during daylight hours prior to 4:30 P.M. and conducted in a manner that all of the burning material is consumed by 4:30 P.M.
- (5) No burning shall be conducted during unfavorable meteorological conditions such as temperature inversions, high winds, air stagnation, etc.

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<u>Section 3:</u> Any person who violates this ordinance shall be fined Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00).

Section 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of publication as required by law.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT BRANCH

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