

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2009

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
THE STORAGE OF FIREWOOD AND
OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS IN A
RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

WHEREAS, Many people store firewood upon their premises, and;

WHEREAS, the storage of firewood as well as any combustible product can become a safety hazard, and;

WHEREAS, improperly stored firewood can become a nuisance, a health and safety hazard, and blight upon a residential neighborhood.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Definitions: (A) Full Cord: a stack of wood 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long for a total volume of 128 cubic feet.

(B) Fire wood: any wood or wood products used or intended to be used as a heating tool in a residence. Painted or treated wood shall not be considered firewood.

(C) Neat, secure stack: A stack of firewood that is piled in a regular, orderly arrangement that is stable and reasonably resistant to collapse.

Section II

Except for firewood and construction materials necessary for onsite work, no wood or wood product shall be kept or stored on the outside of a residential premises. Firewood may be stored outside a residential premises solely for the use on the premises and not for resale. All firewood located upon residential premises shall be stored as follows:

- 1.) the firewood shall be cut/split, prepared for use, and stored in neat, secured stacks.
- 2.) the height of a wood pile over 3 feet shall be no more than twice its width, but in no event shall the height exceed 6 feet.
- 3.) Firewood shall be stored a minimum of 6 inches off the ground and on a well supported, non rotting base.
- 4.) No firewood shall be stored within any yard, except firewood may be stored in a side yard or in a rear yard if the firewood is located behind the principle structure and is effectively screened from view.

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5.) No more than one-fourth (1/4) of a fireplace cord shall be stored on a porch of a residential structure.

6.) No more than two (2) fire place cords shall be stored on any residential premises at any given time.

Section III

That this Ordinance shall be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk/Treasurer and recorded. Same shall be in effect at the earliest time provided by law.

First reading this 3 day of Nov., 2009.

Passed on 2nd reading this _____ day of _____, 2009.

MAYOR GREGORY V. MEYERS

ATTEST:

JEAN A. RAUF
CITY CLERK/TREASURER
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*No second reading
see minutes of
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not adopted by
Council see pg 1-2 of minute
of 11/17/2009*

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