

**HANCOCK COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER TWELVE (12)**  
**REGARDING OPEN BURNING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Section 1.** The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance and coordinate fire protection in Hancock County by requiring persons to notify county officials in advance of any open burning.

**Section 2.** No person or entity shall kindle or burn any building or other structure, farmland, pasture, CRP land, ditches, fence line, rural ground, woodland, or brush, trash or other material that exceeds in quantity that of normal yard waste, without first notifying the Hancock County Communications Center.

**Section 3.** Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to apply to cooking, recreational or normal yard waste fires.

**Section 4.** Violation of this ordinance constitutes a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least \$65 and no more than \$625, and/or up to 30 days in jail.

**Section 5.** All previous ordinances involving this subject matter, in particular Ordinance 12, adopted June 14, 1999, are hereby repealed.

Adopted and passed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2010.

Hancock County Board of Supervisors

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Jerry J. Tlach, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Debra Bellinghausen, Auditor  
Hancock County, Iowa