## **BURNING OR BURYING SOLID WASTES**

## § 9.02.030 OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED.

- A. All open burning is prohibited within the town limits, except as provided in divisions (C) and (D) below in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, § 1900.
- B. 1. The town may provide leaf and limb pickups as deemed appropriate. The goal is to provide 6 scheduled pickups per fiscal year. The maximum number of scheduled pickups in a fiscal year shall be 6. The number of scheduled pickups and the dates of these pickups shall be determined by the River Bend Town Council and announced at the beginning of each fiscal year.
  - 2. Pickups will be provided to residential property within the corporate town limits only. Leaf and limb pickup shall not be provided to any non-residential property or for any contractors, including contractors doing general yard maintenance to residential properties.
  - 3. For the purpose of this subchapter, leaf and limb is defined as leaves, grass clippings, pine cones, and small (as defined below) tree and shrub limbs. Leaf and limb does not include construction material of any kind, trimmings from lot clearing, tree trunks or any material from commercial contractors.
  - 4. All leaf and limb must be the result of natural defoliation or minor trimming and must observe the following criteria:
    - a) The maximum diameter of limbs is 3 inches and maximum length is 6 feet;
    - All leaf and limb debris shall be placed in a pile at the roadside with butt ends towards the street in a flat area away from mailboxes and driveway tiles. There must be room for removal equipment to work without harming adjacent grass or shrubbery;
    - c) No debris shall be bagged. Any bagged material will not be collected.
    - d) Leaf and limb material shall not be placed at the roadside more than 5 days prior to the week of pickup; and
    - e) (1) Pickup shall be done once per street per scheduled pickup week.
      - (2) Any leaf and limb placed on the roadside after a street has been cleaned shall be the responsibility of the property owner to clear immediately.
    - f) The town does not provide for collection of any other materials other than those described in Sections B (1-4) above. Items commonly known as brown goods (for example furniture, wood items) and white goods (for example appliances, plumbing fixtures) and all other materials are not collected by the town for disposal. Such materials shall not be placed by the roadside for collection and must be properly disposed of by the owner.
- C. Camp fires and fires solely for outdoor cooking and other recreational purposes, or for ceremonial occasions, or for human warmth and comfort and do not use synthetic materials or refuse or salvageable materials for fuel are permitted; provided that the fires are not of the size, character or intensity as to be a danger to surrounding properties, and do not create a nuisance,

in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Chapter 2D, § 1903, paragraph (b).

- D. All other open burning for the disposal of material generated as a result of a natural disaster, such as tornado, hurricane, or flood or for any other purpose shall be in accord with the regulations as set forth in the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Chapter 2D, § 1903 and 1904.
- E. All trees, stumps, brush and other vegetation resulting from the clearing of land for roads, houses and other buildings shall not be burned or buried in the town but shall be removed from the town and properly disposed.

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(Prior Code, Ch. 4, Art. IV) Penalty, see § 1.01.999