

ORDINANCE NO. 474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND ESTABLISHING DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR FIRE SAFETY, OUTDOOR BURNING, AND FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as follows:

SECTION 1. Policy and Objective. It shall be the policy of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi to govern and regulate all burning activities within the city limits. The objective of this ordinance is to prevent losses and hazards resulting from fire, and to provide residents with clear rules to ensure fires do not become a danger to life, property, or the environment.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Fire Code. The City hereby adopts the latest and existing Edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendix Chapters as published by the International Code Council, for regulating and safeguarding life and property from fire and explosion hazards. All regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of said Fire Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made part hereof as if fully set out herein.

SECTION 3. Enforcement and Penalties. The Lucedale Fire Department shall be responsible for enforcing this ordinance and the adopted Fire Code. Violations shall be considered misdemeanor offenses, punishable in the Municipal Court of the City of Lucedale, and subject to fines as provided by state law, not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 per violation. Property owners shall be responsible for all fires on their property and liable for any damages caused to others.

SECTION 4. General Outdoor Burning Regulations.

- (a) All outdoor burning shall be limited to organic material only, including untreated wood products, limbs, grass, and leaves. Burning of plastics, vinyl, insulation, rubber products, tires, or any other non-organic materials is strictly prohibited.
- (b) All burning must occur in a controlled, cleared area away from structures, wooded or grassy areas, power lines, roadways, and other combustible materials, with at least a 40-foot clearance for large pile burns.
- (c) A competent adult must attend all fires at all times, and adequate means of extinguishment (such as hoses, water buckets, or sprayers) must be readily available.
- (d) Fires found unattended or posing a danger shall be extinguished immediately.
- (e) No burning shall be conducted on public property, streets, or roadways unless authorized by the Fire Department.

SECTION 5. Land Clearing and Control Burns.

- (a) Prior to burning any acreage or wooded areas, the property owner or attendant shall contact the Lucedale Fire Department at (601) 508-4692 and the Mississippi Forestry Commission at (601) 928-4140. The property owner shall ensure there are no burn bans and obtain all required permits.
- (b) All control burns must be approved by both the Fire Department and the Forestry Commission before beginning.
- (c) Control burns shall be conducted within a cleared fire line, not on property lines or adjacent to structures, and with an effort to notify adjoining property owners in advance.

SECTION 6. Construction and Large Pile Burns.


ALDERWOMAN BRITTANY GREEN
WARD THREE

VOTED: YEA

ALDERMAN KEN HOLLAND
WARD FOUR

VOTED: YEA

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Governing Body present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted on the 7th day of October, 2025.


AL JONES, MAYOR


TAMMY OLDENQUIST, CITY CLERK