

CHAPTER 13: AIR QUALITY CONTROL

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13-101 Emissions of Gases, Vapors and Odors

1. No person shall cause, suffer or allow any emissions of gases, vapors or odors beyond the property line from which such emissions occur to be in sufficient quantities and of such characteristics and duration as is or is likely to be injurious to the public welfare, to the health of human, plant, or animal life, or to property, or which interfere with the enjoyment of life and property.

2. Detectable odors emitted from the following sources of emission are hereby declared to be objectionable per se:

- a. ammonia, bleaching powder, or chlorine manufacture;
- b. asphalt manufacture or refining;
- c. blood processing;
- d. bag cleaning;
- e. celluloid manufacture;
- f. coal tar products manufacture;
- g. compost heaps;
- h. crematory;
- i. creosote treatment or manufacture;
- j. disinfectants manufacture;
- k. distillation of bones, coal or wood;
- l. dyestuff manufacture;
- m. fat rendering;
- n. fertilizer manufacture and bone grinding;
- o. glue or gelatine manufacture;
- p. incinerator or reduction of garbage, dead animals, offal or refuse;
- q. oiled rubber or leather goods manufacture;
- r. paint, oil, shellac, turpentine or vanish manufacture;
- s. paper and pulp manufacture;
- t. rubber or gutta percha manufacture;
- u. sauerkraut manufacture;
- v. shoe-blackening manufacture;
- w. soap manufacture;
- x. stock yards;
- y. sulfuric, nitric, or hydrochloric acid manufacture;

- z. tar distillation or manufacture;
- aa. tar roofing or waterproofing manufacture;
- bb. any other air contaminant discharged into open air of a character and in a quantity which is detrimental to or endangers the public health.

13-102 Open Burning

1. In General. Except as hereinafter provided in Subsection 2, no person shall kindle an open fire in any public or private place outside any building. Fires started in violation of this section shall be promptly extinguished by the person(s) responsible for same upon notice by the Gwinnett County Fire Department or the City of Lawrenceville Police Department. During the existence of an air pollution alert--as may be declared by the Mayor--all exceptions are void and no open fires shall be kindled.

2. Exceptions

a. Open burning may be done under permit as follows:

- (1) Under a duly granted permit after application for such a permit on forms provided by the Gwinnett County Fire Department. The permit shall be issued by the Gwinnett County Fire Department only.

13-103 Enforcement

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by any designated representative of the Gwinnett County Fire Department and the Police Chief and such subordinate officers of the Gwinnett County Fire Department and the Police Department as are necessary to effectuate the requirements set forth herein.

13-104 Penalties

1. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00, such fine to be imposed at the discretion of the Judge of the Recorder's Court.

2. Action pursuant to Subsection 1 of this section shall not be a bar to enforcement of this chapter by injunction or other appropriate remedy, and the Police Chief shall have the power to institute and maintain in the name of the municipality any and all such enforcement proceedings.

3. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to abridge, limit, or otherwise impair the right of any person to maintain any action or other appropriate proceeding for damages or other relief on account of injuries to persons or property.