

ORDINANCE NO. 660

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 38-8 OF ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL", IN CHAPTER 38 "OFFENSES", TO PROHIBIT THE UNAUTHORIZED STORAGE OF FIREWOOD WITHIN THE CITY.

THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I: AMENDMENT. That section 38-8, under Chapter 38, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, is hereby created to hereafter read as follows:

Section 38-6. Unauthorized storage of firewood prohibited.

- (a) Storage of firewood for domestic use on any premises shall be prohibited subject to the following exceptions:
 - (1) Storage must be on a rack at least eight (8) inches off of the ground
 - (2) Storage height may not exceed four (4) feet, including ground clearance.
 - (3) Storage must be in rear yard area and not less than three (3) feet from the property line.
 - (4) Firewood must be cut into usable lengths not to exceed twenty four (24) inches and stacked neatly on a rack as provided herein.
- (b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a civil infraction as follows:
 - (1) For the first violation, a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.
 - (2) For a second violation, a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.
 - (3) For a third or subsequent violation, a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) plus court costs.
- (c) As used in this section "firewood" means any and all wood, logs, sticks, twigs, branches, stumps and stakes, and includes wood items of every kind and description used for fireplaces or wood burning stoves.
- (d) The code enforcement officer for the city may act to enforce the provisions of this section along with any other law enforcement officer of the city.

ARTICLE II. Penalty: A person violating this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riverview, unless a different penalty is expressly provided in this ordinance.

ARTICLE III. Severability: Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any

agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining words, sentence, phrases or portions of the Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV. Conflicting Ordinances: All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Riverview inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

ARTICLE V. Reading and Publication: This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on October 15, 2012, shall be given a second reading on November 5, 2012, shall be adopted on November 5, 2012, and shall be published and become effective upon publication. The Clerk shall publish a summary of this ordinance and include in the publication notice that a true copy of the Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the Clerk's office.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Riverview this 5th day of November, 2012.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Riverview at a regular meeting held on November 5, 2012.

Cynthia M. Hutchison, City Clerk