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BOARD EXTENDS BURNING PERMITS FOR URBAN AREA THROUGH APRIL 15

Grand Haven Township, Michigan, March 24, 2014.

The Grand Haven Charter Township Board agreed to extend the deadline for people living in the urban areas of the Township to apply for a burning permit through April 15th.

“Under the Township’s Open Burning Ordinance property owners within the urban area are allowed one burning permit per year during the months January, February, March or September. However, only trees, brush or limbs can be burned – residents cannot burn piles of leaves,” Chief Tom Gerencer explained

“A number of residents expressed concerns that they have not been able to burn piles of brush and limbs because of the amount of snow that has accumulated over this harsh winter,” Supervisor Karl French noted. “To ensure that they have an opportunity to use their burning permit, the Board extended the deadline from the end of March through April 15th, which should ensure that everyone in the urban area has an opportunity to apply for a burning permit,” French continued.

To apply for a burning permit, residents must complete an application at the Township Fire/Rescue department during normal business hours, or Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00

noon.

Once received, a permits allowing open burning of trees, limbs and brush for a maximum of three days. Further, any open burning must be attended by the property owners to ensure the fire remains controlled.

And finally, no hazardous or smoke nuisance condition can be created and the fire cannot contain any leaf piles, household garbage or commercial refuse.

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