

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP

INGHAM COUNTY

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 39.18

ADOPTED: October 12, 2021

EFFECTIVE: November 21, 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER 16, "ZONING" OF THE AURELIUS TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ADD NEW ORDINANCE NO. 39.18 TITLED "OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE ORDINANCE"; AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Township of Aurelius Board of Trustees, Ingham County, State of Michigan, ordains:

- A. Title. The title of this ordinance shall be the Aurelius Township, "Outdoor Wood Furnace" Ordinance.
- B. Definition: "Outdoor Wood Furnace" means a fuel-fired boiler or furnace, fueled by wood, coal, corn or other types of fuel, located outside the structure it is used to heat, with the designated purpose of providing indoor heat for water and/or air for a residence or other structure. The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to boilers or furnaces fueled by natural gas, propane or fuel oil if the boiler or furnace has been inspected and approved by the Township mechanical inspector.
- C. Outdoor wood furnaces are prohibited in the Aurelius Township, except as specifically authorized in this ordinance.
- D. Upon application, the Building Official or his designee shall inspect the outdoor wood furnace, and shall issue a permit for the outdoor wood furnace conditioned upon bringing the outdoor wood furnace into compliance with the following standards and requirements within one year of the effective date of this ordinance:
 - 1. A zoning compliance permit issued by the Zoning Administrator shall be required to place an outdoor wood burner.
 - 2. The lot shall be a minimum of two (2) acres in area.
 - 3. The heating unit shall be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any property line.

4. The unit shall not be located in the required front yard.
 5. The unit shall not constitute a nuisance to neighboring properties.
 6. Chimney height, as measured from ground at base of furnace to top of chimney, shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet.
 7. Furnace shall be located no closer than two hundred (200) feet to another residence.
 8. No toxic or hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, batteries, household chemicals, pesticides, used oil, gasoline, paints, varnishes, and solvents or other toxins shall be burned in an outdoor wood furnace.
 9. All outdoor wood furnaces may be subject to periodic inspection by the Township Building Inspector, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Zoning Administrator and/or Mechanical Inspector and by the Fire Chief or his designee to assure that all provisions of this ordinance have been, and continue to be, satisfied. The Township may revoke an Outdoor Wood Furnace Permit if any provision of this ordinance is violated.
- E. **REPEAL:** Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- F. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days (30) days after its publication following final adoption or as required by law.

Larry Silsby, Supervisor

Tracy Ayres, Clerk

I, Tracy Ayres, Clerk of the Township of Aurelius, do hereby certify that the above is a true action taken by the Township Board of Trustees on the 12th, day of October, 2021.

Tracy Ayres, Clerk
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