

ORDINANCE 2007 - 03

**ORDINANCE FOR REGULATION
OF OUTDOOR WOODBURNING FURNACES/STOVES**

WHEREAS, due to various environmental health concerns there is a need to establish guidelines and regulations for the placement of outdoor wood burning furnaces/stoves.

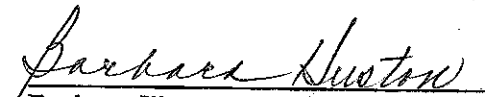
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and established by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners that:

1. This ordinance shall be applied as follows:
 - a. Wood burning furnaces/stoves as a device to burn wood or other combustible materials placed outside a building and intended to provide either direct heat or by heating water by use of underground or above ground pipes or tubing to any building.
 - b. If the placement of an outdoor wood burning furnace or stove is less than five hundred (500') feet from any adjoining property residence then it must meet the following conditions for placement:
 - Remove* The smokestack of such wood burning furnace/stove shall exceed the highest roof height of the building for which it is connected by two (2') feet.
 - Placement may be no closer than seventy-five (75') feet to any adjoining property residence.
 - c. Any existing wood burning furnace/stove that does not meet these requirements will have one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of enactment of this ordinance to have the required smokestack height. Placement difference distance however is waived and will be considered grandfathered.
 - d. The Office of the LaPorte County Building Inspector shall be the enforcement authority regarding the terms and provisions of this ordinance.

2. Fines and penalties of any violation of this ordinance will be as described in LaPorte County Ordinance, Chapter 8, Article 11.
3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this 3RD day of March, 2007.

LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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