

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency
and
Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District
(Fire Protection Agency)

10/6/96
Date signed.
(older one dated 7/7/92)

WHEREAS, outdoor burning is a hazard from both a fire safety standpoint and a public health and nuisance standpoint, and

WHEREAS, outdoor burning is allowed, subject to permit, outside of nonattainment areas and urban growth areas, and

WHEREAS, permitting agencies acknowledge that in permitting a fire they are also permitting the smoke from the fire, and

WHEREAS, fire protection agencies may choose not to operate a permit program, and

WHEREAS, fire protection agencies without permit programs may choose not to respond to citizen complaints of prohibited outdoor burning where the Agency has determined there is no danger to the safety of persons or property, and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged by all parties to this Memorandum that a cooperative effort is necessary if the public is to be properly served, and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged by all parties to this agreement that each party must fully understand their respective role, and

WHEREAS, in order to define these respective roles the following Memorandum of Understanding has been established.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT:

SECTION 1: PUBLIC EDUCATION

(a) PSAPCA will inform the public about outdoor burning regulations and alternatives to burning, such as providing news releases to local newspapers, purchasing advertisements, speaking to local government officials if requested.

Dennis J. McLerran, Air Pollution Control Officer

B O A R D O F D I R E C T O R S

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Gary Locke, King County Executive

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Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(c) PSAPCA will not refer complaints to Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District of burning in a prohibited area unless the local fire protection agency has notified PSAPCA of their intent to respond to complaints.

Does your fire department or district intend to respond to such complaints.

Yes No

(d) PSAPCA will assume responsibility for enforcing the air pollution laws and will reimburse the costs incurred by Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District as a result of their response to prohibited outdoor burning when they forward a copy of their incident reports (and any evidence) along with a bill to PSAPCA.

Does your fire department or district intend to forward incident reports to PSAPCA?

Yes No

(e) PSAPCA may request that Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District extinguish an outdoor fire it, in the course of its responding to a complaint of burning in a prohibited area, the violator is unable or unwilling to extinguish the fire.

Does your fire department or district intend to extinguish such fires?

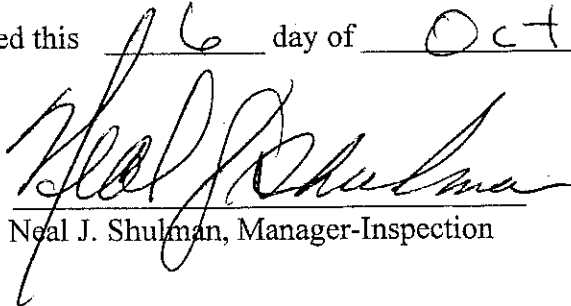
Yes No

SECTION 4: TERMINATION

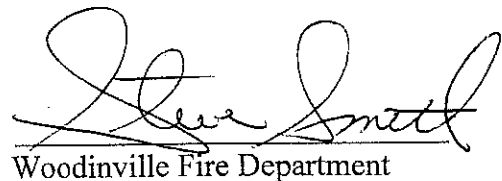
It is acknowledged by the parties hereto that this document is solely an understanding and may be terminated at will by either party by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other of the desire to terminate.

Dated this 6 day of Oct., 1996.

By:


Neal J. Shulman, Manager-Inspection

By:


Woodinville Fire Department

Section 1: Public Education

(a) PSAPCA will conduct an extensive media campaign to inform the public about outdoor burning regulations and alternatives to burning.

(b) PSAPCA will distribute appropriate educational materials to fire protection agencies, contractors associations, solid waste utilities, libraries, and other interested parties.

(c) PSAPCA will distribute a large map to each fire protection agency clearly denoting the areas within their jurisdiction in which burning is prohibited.

(d) Fire protection agencies will post and otherwise make available the educational materials provided by PSAPCA in locations accessible to the public.

(e) Fire protection agencies with prohibited burning areas will post the map provided by PSAPCA in a location accessible to the public.

Section 2: Permitting

(a) PSAPCA will issue permits for agricultural burning and will incorporate any appropriate permit conditions recommended by the local fire protection agency prior to granting such permits.

(b) PSAPCA will issue permits for training fires to fire protection agencies and establish reasonable conditions for such burning.

(c) Fire protection agencies will attempt to minimize the air pollution from training fires by complying with the conditions of the permit and by conducting joint exercises wherever possible.

(d) Fire protection agencies may, through an ordinance or resolution, permit small outdoor fires either by rule or individually. Does your fire department or district intend to permit small outdoor fires? Yes ___ No; Does your fire department or district intend to permit large outdoor fires? Yes ___ No