

ORDINANCE NO. 50

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF MARDELA SPRINGS
TO REGULATE BURNING WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF MARDELA
SPRINGS, MARYLAND, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Mardela Springs believe the normal spring and summer conditions' are very susceptible to grass fires, and it is necessary to protect structures in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Mardela Springs recognize the need for a more comprehensive scheme within the town limits to deal with burning issues, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Mardela Springs believe that such comprehensive approach to burning will benefit the Town, its citizens, and businesses located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, such a comprehensive approach must prohibit burning of garbage or trash and the open burning of any materials, and shall encourage and promote the composting of leaves and brush and the taking of building and/or construction materials to the County landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs as follows:

1) No open-air burning of any kind at any time shall be permitted by any person within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs. Open-air burning shall mean any fire or smoke producing process wherein the combustion products are directly emitted into the atmosphere without passing through any air pollution controls equipment. **NOTWITHSTANDING** anything to the contrary contained hereinabove, from time to time, structures that have been condemned, or demolished, and large amounts of brush accumulation may, with proper notification and permits granted by the Wicomico County Health Dept., MDE, 911 Dispatch Center, and Local Fire Chief, approval may then be accomplished, however only

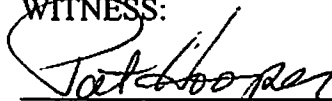
with constant supervision. In addition, this Ordinance shall not prohibit persons using propane gas or charcoal for the purpose of a barbecue.

2) Any violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine in the amount of \$100.00 for a first offense, and a fine of \$500.00 for a second offense and a fine of \$1000.00 for any subsequent offense.


3) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Mardela Springs, Maryland, be enacted this 20th day of July, 2010, by and for the Town of Mardela Springs, Maryland, after having been published as recorded and a public hearing having been held.

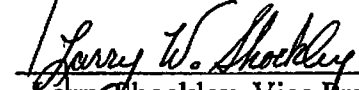
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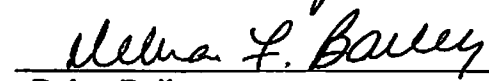
Pat Hooper, Clerk



Jerrold C. Marshall, President



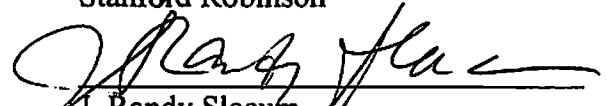
Larry Shockley, Vice President



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