

TOWN OF PAWLET, VERMONT

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE THROUGH OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

On December 9, 2025, the Selectboard of the Town of Pawlet, Vermont, adopted the “Ordinance regulating the disposal of solid waste through open burning” pursuant to the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. 1971 (Title 24, Chapter 59, Section 1971), and 24 V.S.A. 2202a(a) (Title 24, Chapter 61, Subchapter 8, Section 2202a). This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of the adoption of this ordinance and of the citizens’ right to petition for a vote to disapprove this adoption.

SUMMARY

The ordinance prohibits open burning of Solid Waste in the Town of Pawlet unless prior permission is obtained from the Department of Environmental Conservation. It also requires that, prior to allowable forms of open burning, a State Permit to Kindle Fire be obtained from the Town Forest Fire Warden, except when burning natural wood in an outdoor fireplace or fire ring, or burning natural wood when there is snow surrounding the open burning site.

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Pawlet Town office at 122 School Street, Pawlet, VT and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS’ RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinances adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town’s qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the “Ordinance regulating the disposal of solid waste through open burning” shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Deb Hawkins, Pawlet Town Clerk at PO Box 128, Pawlet, VT 05761, or by calling 802-325-3309 extension 1 during regular office hours.