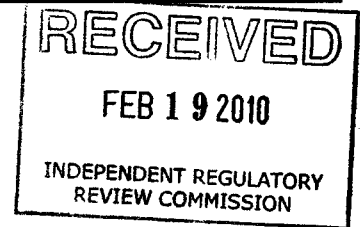


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Subject: Wood Smoke: Stop pollution from OWB, IWB, Wood Stoves



Dear Council

Please implement and enforce strict regulations for all wood burning appliances in residential areas. When a family is in distress, ban the OWB or wood burning appliance causing illness and property loss.

As a victim of noxious smoke from an outdoor wood boiler, indoor wood fired boiler and several wood stoves used by nearby neighbors, I know first hand the physical, emotional and environmental damage all wood burning devices cause. We all know these facts, and have read proven, scientific data regarding the harm of inhalation of wood smoke. Even the EPA warns of the dangers of being in the path of wood stove and OWB/IWB emissions.

There is no longer any reason to pollute our air with wood smoke that harms environment, health and welfare of residents. The unnecessary operation of wood burning devices deprives residents of the use of their property in all seasons. Numerous carcinogenic chemicals found in wood smoke are similar and far worse than tobacco smoke. Tobacco smoke has been banned in public places in at least 28 states. Wood burning is causing harm to humans and animal life. This is not a political issue. This should not be a matter of payoffs by wood stoves manufacturer lobbyists. This is a matter of life and health.

All one needs to do is to view the Stop Smoking Cigarette TV ads that warn of the dangers of tobacco smoke. It doesn't take a genius to realize that the smoke from a "neighbor's" wood burning device is worse: It's INESCAPABLE and detrimental to our lungs and other body parts. We are meant to breathe clean air - not smoke.

Would you give your children cigarettes to smoke? Of course not. Then why expose our kids to UNNECESSARY WOOD SMOKE? Some burners may use the excuse: I can't afford oil or gas. This is just a selfish excuse because the WANT to burn wood. It can be addictive, just as tobacco. Trying to stop these burners is like trying to take candy away from a child. They'll throw a fit until they realize they cannot have it anymore!

It's time for our officials to step up to the plate and take care of the majority of residents who call out for Clean Air!

STOP ALL WOOD SMOKE.

Victoria Valentine

"I'm Hooked On Clean Air!"

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