ORDINANCE #11.13.08
ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY CONCERNING OUTDOOR FUEL BURNING EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury is deeply concerned about the health and environmental affects concerning the emission of smoke from fuel burning outdoor equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury that outdoor fuel burning equipment shall be regulated as follows:

Section 1 – Definitions.

Chiminea Fire Pits: Means a chimney structure over a fire vent for smoke and embers to travel upwards serving the same purposes as fire bowls, fire pits and outdoor fireplaces.

Fire Bowls, Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces: Means affixed or mobile units used to burn natural wood or other combustible materials for heat and/or aesthetic reasons placed outdoors.

Fuel: Means solid, liquid or gaseous materials used to produce heat by burning.

Outdoor Furnace: Any equipment, device or apparatus, or any part thereof, which is in installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat for any interior space.

Section 2 – Regulation Established.

It shall be prohibited for any person, cooperative, condominium, corporation, Limited Liability Company to make use of outdoor fuel burning equipment, open fires, stacks or chimneys, fire bowls, fire pits and outdoor fireplaces, chiminea fire pits or other outdoor equipment that emits smoke from said equipment in the Township of Shrewsbury. Excluded from this prohibition are standard gas and charcoal grills operated according to manufacturer’s instructions and specifications for the sole purpose of cooking or grilling outdoors. It shall also be prohibited to burn any leaves, flowers, grass, organic or inorganic matter or material
by any person, cooperative, condominium, corporation, Limited Liability Company within the confines of this municipality.

Section 3 – Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter or Code established herein or any order made pursuant thereto or who shall refuse to comply with any such order upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not to exceed One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250.00); imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days or a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days or any combination thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Albert V. Klose Township Committee Person introduced the aforesaid Ordinance and Committee Person Seconded said Ordinance for introduction. Nolan

ROLL CALL

Affirmative: 3

Negative: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Dated: November 13, 2008

Albert V. Klose, Township Committee moved the aforesaid Ordinance for second reading for Public Hearing and upon closure of said Public Hearing move for its final reading and adoption, seconded by Ed Nolan, Township Committee Person.

ROLL CALL

Affirmative: 2

Negative: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1

Dated: 12/15, 2008 Ordinance Adopted

ATTEST:

JANET DELONARDO
CLERK

ALBERT KLOSE, Mayor