

Village of Godfrey, Illinois



2020 “Good Neighbor Guide” to Village Property Care Ordinances

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1. **INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE**

This document was developed to assist new (and current) residents in their understanding of village ordinances pertaining to the **basic minimum standards** required for the upkeep and care of their property and to provide guidance on how to report a problem or violation. This guide's intent is to help residents be better neighbors by clearly defining the standards of owning and maintaining property in the village of Godfrey. When a conflict or problem arises, it is always advisable for neighbors to attempt try to work the issue out together before bringing it to code enforcement official's attention. In 2017 the Village of Godfrey entered a partnership with the Madison County prosecutor's office allowing village officials to directly issue citations (which require court appearance) for violations of any ordinance if a written warning letter sent by the Building & Zoning Administrator is not complied with.

This document is designed to provide a brief description of itemized village restriction followed by the corresponding village ordinance with the specific language highlighted for easy reference.

All detailed village ordinance language applying to the restrictions can be found at this link:

https://library.municode.com/il/godfrey/codes/code_of_ordinances

You can contact the village code enforcement official at:

Village of Godfrey
Building & Zoning Administrator-Laura Dixon
(618) 466-1206
buildingzoning@godfreyil.org

For questions regarding the creation of new laws or ordinances and other matters pertaining to village:

Godfrey Mayors Office
Mike McCormick -Mayor
(618) 466-3324
mayor@godfreyil.org

Non-compliance of village ordinances may result in municipal court appearance, fines and/or community service.

It is important to follow up with village officials if the reported violation has not been resolved in a timely manner.

(A detailed description of the "authority of officials" in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

Sec. 78-51. - Power and authority of inspectors.

(a) The village and other duly authorized employees of the village bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with the provisions of this article. The village or its representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes, including metallurgical, chemical, oil refining, ceramic, paper or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge treatment.

(b) While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the village or duly authorized employees of the village shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company; and the company shall be held harmless for injury or death to the village employees; and the village shall indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by village employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the company and growing out of the gauging and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions as required in section 78-109.

(c) The village or duly authorized employees of the village bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the village holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of but not limited to inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair and maintenance of any portion of the sewer work lying within the easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on the easement shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

(Ord. No. 43-98, ch. A, art. IV, §§ 1—3, 12-23-1998)

2. **SEWER CONNECTION CONCERNS**

If a resident or property owner has questions or concerns regarding sewer system connections, issues or if you wish to report a line break or sewer leak you can contact Illinois American Water at: **1-800-422-2782**

3. **UTILITY CONCERNS OR DAMAGE**

TO REPORT ISSUES, CONCERNS, OUTAGES or DAMAGE:

- **Village owned streets, lights or signs- contact the Godfrey Public Works Department at: (618) 466-3133**
- **Streets in the village maintained by IDOT (*Godfrey Rd, West Delmar, River Road, etc.*) <http://idot.illinois.gov/travel-information/report-a-problem/index> or call (217) 782-7820**
- **Damage to power line, gas line (or an outage) - contact Ameren Illinois at: 1-(800) 755-5000**
- **Damage to a water main – Godfrey has 4 (four) separate water supply companies that provide services to varying locations throughout the village, those contact #'s are as follows:**
 - Illinois American Water: 1-(800) 422-2782**
 - Jersey Rural Water: 1-(618) 498-9534**
 - Fosterburg Water: 1-(618) 259-0935**
 - Brighton Water: 1 (618) 372-8484**
- **Damage to a sewer line or blockage – Contact Illinois American Water at: 1-800-422-2782**

4. **LAWN CARE, GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH PILES & SANITATION:**

All residents/property owners are expected to maintain their yards, cut grass and keep properties free of noxious uncultivated vegetation. It is prohibited to allow brush piles to accumulate over time. Grass/weeds must not exceed 8 inches in length, clippings must be properly disposed of or mulched and kept out of streets/gutters so that it is not swept into storm sewers. **It is prohibited by village ordinance to deposit or leave clippings in streets or gutters, enforcement of any violation shall be handled by the Village of Godfrey Building & Zoning Dept. (618) 466-1206** and may be subject to citation/municipal court appearance, fines and or community service if there is non-compliance.

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

• **ARTICLE III. – WEEDS Sec. 82-71. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Nonagricultural areas means and includes all land within the village which is used primarily for a purpose other than the production, keeping or maintenance for sale, lease or personal use, of plants and animals useful to man or for soil conservation or forestry management; and such areas include but are not limited to land which is zoned under a residential, business, commercial or industrial classification. All portions of agricultural districts which have been subdivided into single-family residential lots shall be considered nonagricultural areas for the purposes contained in this article and shall comply with the provisions of this article.

Weeds means and includes all rank, uncultivated vegetation and all deleterious and unhealthful plant growth of all types, kinds and descriptions, including but not limited to burdock, ragweed (giant), ragweed (common), thistle, cocklebur, jimson, blue vervain, common milkweed, wild carrot, poison ivy, wild mustard, rough pigweed, lambsquarter, wild lettuce, curled dock, smartweeds (all varieties), poison hemlock, wild hemp, Johnson grass, and all other noxious weeds.

(Ord. No. 05-94, § 2, 5-4-1994; Ord. No. 19-95, § 1, 11-8-1995; Ord. No. 54-99, § 1, 9-7-1999)

- **Sec. 82-72. - Nuisance declared.**

It is declared to be a nuisance and it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any real estate in a nonagricultural area of the village to refuse or neglect to cut weeds or any variety of grasses when such weeds or grasses shall have reached a height in excess of eight inches.

(Ord. No. 05-94, § 3, 5-4-1994; Ord. No. 19-95, § 2, 11-8-1995)

- **Sec. 82-73. - Maximum height.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant or possessor of any real estate in a nonagricultural area of the village or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant, having possession or control of any such real estate, to at any time allow, permit or maintain on any such real estate, or any part or portion of such real estate, any growth of weeds or any variety of grasses when such weeds or grasses shall have reached a height in excess of eight inches.

Brush Piles Prohibited & Sanitation Requirements for Exterior Property:

Section 60.202. - Prohibition Against Nuisance

(3) The Maintenance or storage of any material either indoor or outdoor so as to cause or facilitate the breeding of vermin

2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (adopted by Godfrey Ordinance)

Chapter 3 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 302 – Exterior property Areas

302.1 – Sanitation. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition

5. **PETS & ANIMAL RESTRICTIONS**

The following regulations apply to pets and animal restraint laws within the village. There are limits on how many pets a resident may have (3 dogs or 3 cats) At no time are dogs allowed to run at large outside of a residents property, pets must be kept in a fenced area with a serviceable fence that is not unsightly.

Pet owners walking dogs MUST pick up waste or droppings on any public/private thoroughfares. The raising of chickens/poultry in the village is allowed **only by permit** in residential areas (chickens only, NO roosters) those permits along with the ordinance may be obtained through the Village Clerk's office.

ALL pets MUST be current on their rabies vaccine by state law.

Violations or incidents involving animals should be reported to the Godfrey Animal Control Officer at: 618-466-5211 or you can contact by email at: animalcontrol@godfreyil.org

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **Sec. 14-5. - Limitations on number of domestic animals; exception**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor within the village more than three dogs or three cats over six months old at a single residence.

(Ord. No. 08-92, § 1(30.5), 11-4-1992)

- **Sec. 14-6. - Restraint.**

(a) All dogs shall be kept under restraint.

(b) Every owner shall exercise proper care and control of the owner's animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance, and it shall be a violation of this chapter for any owner to permit an animal to become a public nuisance.

(c) An animal within the automobile or other vehicle of its owner, possessor or keeper, or his agent, servant or a member of his immediate family shall be deemed to be upon the owner's, possessor's or keeper's premises.

(f) Law enforcement officers or designated individuals under supervision of a law enforcement officer shall be authorized to destroy or tranquilize any dangerous or vicious animals when necessary for the protection of any person or property.

(Ord. No. 08-92, § 1(30.9), 11-4-1992; Ord. No. 26-96, § 2(30.9(B)), 9-4-1996)

- **Sec. 14-7. - Manner of keeping.**

(a)

Pens, yards or runs. All pens, yards, runs or other structures wherein any animal is kept shall be of such construction so as to be easily cleaned and shall be kept in good repair.

(b)

Fences. Fences which are intended as enclosures for any animal shall be securely constructed, shall be adequate for the purpose, shall be kept in good repair, and shall not be allowed to become unsightly.

(Ord. No. 08-92, § 1(30.11), 11-4-1992)

Sec. 14-12. - Animal waste.

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by the owner's animal on public walks, recreation areas or private property, and the depositing of any such excreta shall constitute a public nuisance and violation of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 08-92, § 1(30.16), 11-4-1992; Ord. No. 26-96, § 3, 9-4-1996)

6. INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREET OR DRIVEWAY

Derelict (long term) inoperable vehicles on residential streets or driveways are prohibited by village ordinance, it is also not permitted to perform complex vehicle repairs on a public street. **Vehicles with flat or missing tires, missing wheels or other parts are considered "inoperable" under the ordinance. Any vehicle with missing or EXPIRED vehicle plates/tags parked in public view on a street or driveway is prohibited and may be cited or towed.**

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **ARTICLE II. - INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES - Sec. 38-31. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Inoperable motor vehicle means any motor vehicle from which, for a period of at least seven days, the engine, wheels or other parts have been removed, or on which the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power or a vehicle that is unlicensed/missing license plates or has an expired sticker or registration. The term "inoperable motor vehicle" shall not include:

- (1) A motor vehicle which has been rendered temporarily incapable of being driven under its own power in order to perform ordinary service or repair operations;
- (2) Any motor vehicle that is kept within a building or screened from public view;
- (3) Any operable historic vehicle over 25 years of age;
- (4) A motor vehicle on the premises of a place of business engaged in the wrecking of junking of motor vehicles; or
- (5) A tractor or other vehicle designed and used for agricultural purposes.

Motor vehicle means every vehicle which is self-propelled.

(Ord. No. 01-92, § 50.1, 4-7-1992; Ord. No. 34-2000, § 1, 6-6-2000; Ord. No. 23-2015, 12-15-2015)

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

- **Sec. 38-32. - Nuisance declared.**

All inoperable motor vehicles in view of the general public, whether on public or private property within the village, are declared nuisances.

(Ord. No. 01-92, § 50.2, 4-7-1992)

- **Sec. 38-33. - Abatement of nuisance.**

(a) A person is required to dispose of any inoperable motor vehicle or parts thereof under his control within seven days after written notice is issued by the mayor, the zoning administrator or the sheriff of the county or any member of his department designated by him, commanding disposition of the inoperable motor vehicle.

(b) A person shall not deposit on any public or private roadway, alley, driveway, parking area or other place within the village limits any inoperable vehicle or part thereof.

(c) If a person fails to dispose of any inoperable motor vehicle or parts under his control within seven days from the issuance of the municipal notice, the county sheriff's department may remove the inoperable vehicle or parts.

(d) Any person who fails to dispose of an inoperable motor vehicle or parts or an abandoned motor vehicle under his control within the period of time delineated in the notice served pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-10. Each day such offense continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

(Ord. No. 01-92, § 50.3, 4-7-1992; Ord. No. 34-2000, § 2, 6-6-2000)

7. NOISE ORDINANCE - PEACE & SAFETY

Due to noise ordinance it is prohibited to create unnecessary and excessive noise in the village limits, it is also prohibited to operate lawnmowers, leaf blowers or other construction equipment in the village at night/early morning between the hours of 7:30PM and 7:00AM. **Dogs that are left out and constantly bark will also be considered a nuisance that could result in a citation/court appearance).**

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **ARTICLE II. - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY Sec. 42-31. - Disorderly conduct.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to commit disorderly conduct. A person commits disorderly conduct when he knowingly:

(1) Does any act in such an unreasonable manner as to alarm or disturb another and to provoke a breach of peace;

(2) Enters upon the property of another and for a lewd or unlawful purpose deliberately looks into a dwelling on the property through any window or other opening in it;

(3) Transmits in any manner a radio wave, unless he is a licensed amateur radio operator, when such person transmitting the radio wave intentionally or knowingly does so in such manner as to disturb or interfere with the rights of another person to the use or peaceful enjoyment of property, including but not limited to the right to receive and enjoy licensed radio or television waves upon recognized commercial channels;

(4) Urinates or defecates in any area of the city while substantially exposed to a public area; or

(5) Makes, causes or permits to be made any excessive and unnecessary noise; plays electronically amplified music, stereo, radio, recorder or amplified musical instrument; operates any licensed motor vehicle or makes any other noise which may be heard either more than 50 feet from the place of origin of the sound in any residence other than the place from which the sound originates, or heard within any residential home or apartment unit, other than the place from which the sound originates, through any common walls, floors or ceilings, and which disturbs the peace and quiet of the village or its residents at any time.

(Ord. No. 16-98, § 1(10.501), 5-6-1998; Ord. No. 20-99, § 1, 4-6-1999; Ord. No. 13-2012, § 1, 4-3-2012; Ord. No. 18-2013, § 1, 10-1-2013)

8. ILLEGAL DUMPING OF GARBAGE

It is prohibited by village ordinance to dump garbage on any lot or parcel in residential areas.

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

Sec. 58-102. - Dumping refuse or garbage.

It shall be unlawful to dump or dispose of any refuse or garbage except in a properly constructed incinerator or in a licensed landfill within the village or within one mile of the village limits.

(Ord. No. 35-97, § 1(10.402), 11-7-1997)

9. EQUIPMENT IN STREETS – STREET USE

The following prohibitions referenced in ordinance apply to recreational or construction equipment and/or dumpsters located on streets

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **Sec. 62-3. - Equipment in streets.**

No person shall place or maintain a basketball goal, soccer goal, hockey goal, baseball base, or any other sporting goods equipment or toys on or in any portion of any street, highway, road or other public roadway of the village for the purpose of any games, play or activities.

(Ord. No. 23-2005, § 1, 10-18-2005)

- **Sec. 62-5. - Dumpsters and landscape equipment and materials**

No person, firm or corporation shall place any dumpster and/or landscape/yard equipment or materials on or in any portion of any street, highway, road or other public roadway of the village for a period of time in excess of seven days. Said materials and/or equipment shall be clearly marked on all sides with construction type barriers (orange cones, brightly colored tape or other barrier) so that it is clearly visible to passing motorists. If a person requires said equipment or materials to be present beyond the aforementioned seven-day allowance, he/she shall request and receive written permission from the village's building and zoning administrator.

(b) Any person, firm, or corporation found guilty of a violation under subsection (a) shall be fined no more than \$250.00 for any one offense or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both fined and imprisoned.

(Ord. No. 28-2012, 9-18-2012)

10. DRAINAGE RESTRICTIONS

Village ordinance prohibits the blocking of drains, storm sewers, ditches, or interfering with storm water runoff. Residents should NEVER place yard waste, grass clippings, leaves in a gutter or in/in front of a storm sewer where water can be blocked.

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **Sec. 29-61. - Obstruction to drainage prohibited.**

The damming, filling, relocating or otherwise interfering with the natural flow of surface water in a natural drainage course, the intended flow of surface water in an approved subdivision or the existing flow between other properties, shall not be permitted.

(Ord. No. 11-2012, 4-3-2012)

- **Sec. 29-64. - Landowner.**

The landowner shall not willfully and intentionally interfere with any ditches or natural drains which cross his lands in such manner that such ditches or natural drains shall fill or become obstructed with any matter which shall materially impede or interfere with the flow of water. If the land owner violates the provisions of this section he commits a petty offense.

(Ord. No. 11-2012, 4-3-2012)

If flooding/runoff originates from one private property to affect/damage another it is a civil matter that may need to be resolved between the two private parties affected. **The Village cannot work on any private property without an existing easement.**

If the flooding/runoff originates from a village controlled/owned venue, sewer, drainage ditch, or diverts from a city owned street or roadway the resident may contact the Godfrey Streets/Public Works Department to request an evaluation by the city engineer to determine what/if any action should (or can) be taken. It is recommended that photo documentation and detailed notes should be made during peak flooding conditions to assist the village engineer with his assessment.

Godfrey Public Works Department: (618) 466-3133

Godfrey Engineering Department: (618) 466-4319

11. PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are various ordinances that prohibit affect commercial vehicles parked on residential streets as well as when parking is prohibited during certain conditions (more than 2 inches or more of snow) for snow removal.

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **Sec. 74-154. - Parking restrictions for purposes of snow removal.**

(a) Whenever there has been two inches of snowfall or more, in order not to delay the clearing of such streets, all vehicles parked on all public streets within the village shall be removed by the owner from the public streets immediately. It shall be the duty of the police department to issue parking tickets for those who violate this section, and at the request of the Director of Public Works for the Village of Godfrey to provide for the towing of any such vehicle that is interfering with the clearing of the snow from the streets of the Village of Godfrey in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. No prior notice shall be required to the owner of any vehicle to be ticketed or towed in violation of this subsection (a) as it is declared to be state of emergency under article I, section 26-37 of the Village Code.

(b) If such vehicles are not removed from the streets after two inches of snowfall or more occurs, it shall be the duty of the police department of the village upon the request of the Director of Public Works of the Village of Godfrey to forthwith employ some reputable person or persons to remove such vehicles from the streets and store them at a garage or within a vehicle pound, and the reasonable cost of such removal and storage shall be paid by the owners of the vehicles to the owner of the garage or pound at the time the owners take possession of their vehicles. Possession shall not be given to a vehicle owner until the expenses and costs are first paid. Any vehicle towed under this subsection (b) may also be ticketed by the police department of the village for violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Exceptions to the restrictions imposed by this section can be granted by the director of public works for good cause shown, but the granting or denial of said exceptions shall be in the sole discretion of the director of public works.

(Ord. No. 79-99, §§ 1, 2, 4, 12-21-1999; Ord. No. 07-2001, § 1(11.107C.), 3-6-2001; Ord. No. 08-2011, § 1, 4-19-2011)

- **Sec. 74-155. - Parking commercial vehicles and equipment in residential zones restricted.**

Within residential zones within the village, it shall be unlawful to park, store or otherwise place any commercial vehicles and/or equipment when not being used for the purpose of construction, excavation or other like purposes on any residential property, street, alley or other public way. However, one commercial vehicle may be parked off-street, provided it is driven to or from work and no trailer is attached. This section shall apply to, but not be limited to, flatbed trailers and construction equipment.

(Ord. No. 04-2000, § 1, 1-20-2000; Ord. No. 09-2000, § 1, 2-1-2000; Ord. No. 07-2001, § 1(11.104B.), 3-6-2001)

- **Sec. 74-156. - Parking trailer on street or public way.**

Parking of a trailer of any kind on any village street or public way for a period in excess of 48 hours is prohibited. The owner of any trailer in violation of this section shall be subject to penalty in an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

(Ord. No. 65-2000, § 1, 11-8-2000; Ord. No. 07-2001, § 1(11.104C.), 3-6-2001)

12. BURING RESTRICTIONS, BURNING OF YARD WASTE, RECREATIONAL FIRES & FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

It is prohibited by ordinance to burn yard waste other than the designated times and months in the village. Burning is ONLY allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the months of March, April, May, October, November and December.

It is prohibited to burn anything other than yard waste or burn yard waste on a village street.

Recreational fires are allowed in an outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or firepit that burns only solid fuel (wood) charcoal, propane, or natural gas and must be kept 25 feet away from any structure or combustible materials.

Recreational fires must be constantly attended, if a violation is observed you should contact the Madison County Sheriff’s Department at 911.

It is prohibited by ordinance to set off fireworks in the village limits without a permit.

(A detailed description of the requirements in the Village of Godfrey municipal code follows)

- **ARTICLE IV. - BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE**

Sec. 30-101. - Permitted months, hours and locations.

Except in areas of the village consisting of agricultural farms in agricultural use, as those terms are defined in section 60.112 of Ordinance No. 13-95 of the village, outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning shall be prohibited except on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the months of March, April, May, October, November and December of each year. Outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning shall be limited in all locations within the village where permitted to the daylight hours between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. of each day on which such burning is permitted. All fire or emission of smoke from the burning of landscape waste and leaves shall be completely extinguished by 3:00 p.m. All fires must be continuously tended until extinguished by the landowner, homeowner or resident of the property.

Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in the preceding paragraph, in the event a declaration of state of emergency is made by the president of the village under section 26-39 of the Code, the president is authorized to modify the burning restrictions set forth in this section by written executive order for such a period not exceeding 30 days. The village president’s executive order shall be effective immediately upon issuance and shall be reported to the board of trustees at the next regularly scheduled village board meeting after the issuance of the executive order.

(Ord. No. 21-94, § 2(40.1), 10-18-1994; Ord. No. 15-95, § 1(40.1), 10-18-1995; Ord. No. 19-2009, § 1, 7-7-2009; Ord. No. 20-2009, § 1, 9-1-2009; Ord. No. 15-2017, § 1, 8-1-2017)

- **Sec. 30-102. - Agricultural, recreational and portable outdoor fireplace exception.**

(a)

This article shall not apply to any uses involving agricultural uses as defined in Ordinance No. 49-99, being the zoning ordinance of the village.

(b) This article shall not apply to the use of portable outdoor fireplaces or recreational fires as hereinafter defined and permitted.

(1) A portable outdoor fireplace is defined as a portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning, propane or natural gas fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

(2) A *recreational fire* is defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish, leaves and yard waste where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

(c) Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated.

(d) Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

(e) Recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher, or other on-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as fire, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water tank shall be available for immediate utilization.

(Ord. No. 15-95, § 1(40.1(a)), 10-18-1995; Ord. No. 17-2015, 11-17-2015)

- **Sec. 30-103. - Outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning.**

Outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning is allowed in areas located not less than 20 feet from any building or structure on private property only. Cemeteries may conduct such outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning on their property. All landscape waste and leaf burning shall be under supervision and in compliance with the requirements set forth in this article.

(Ord. No. 21-94, § 2(40.2), 10-18-1994)

- **Sec. 30-104. - Burning prohibited.**

Outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning shall be prohibited at all times on or in any public street or alley in the village.

(Ord. No. 21-94, § 2(40.3), 10-18-1994)

- **Sec. 30-105. - Burning of landscape waste and leaves only.**

Outdoor landscape waste and leaf burning shall include only leaves fallen from trees, plants, shrubs and other landscape waste generated on the owner's property and shall not include the burning of any trash, garbage or other disposables or any other materials of any nature whatsoever.

(Ord. No. 21-94, § 2(40.4), 10-18-1994)

FIREWORKS PROHIBITION ORDINANCE

- **Sec. 30-62. - Permit required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to present, sponsor, conduct, hold or permit any public fireworks display within the village unless a permit for such fireworks display shall have been issued under the authority of the village as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 10-93, § 1, 6-1-1993)

IMPORTANT VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS:

- **POLICE - FIRE - EMS - EMERGENCY:** **911**
- **Godfrey Fire Chief (Non-Emergency):** (618) 466-0131
- **Madison County Dispatch (Non-Emergency):** (618) 692-4433

- **Mayor's Office:** (618) 466-3324
- **Animal Control:** (618) 466-5211
- **Public Works:** (618) 466-3133
- **Parks Department** (618) 466-1483
- **Building & Zoning:** (618) 466-1206
- **Sewer- Illinois American** (800)-422-2782
- **Village Clerk:** (618) 466-3381
- **Ameren ILLINOIS:** (800) 755-5000 * to report an outage or gas leak*
- **Local Water Departments - IL American Water:** (800) 422-2782
 Jersey Rural Water: (618) 498-9534
 Fosterburg water: (618) 259-0935
 Brighton Water: (618) 372-8484

REFERENCES:

- **Village of Godfrey Municipal Code of Ordinances**

https://library.municode.com/il/godfrey/codes/code_of_ordinances

- **Village of Godfrey Zoning plat map** (January 6, 2015)

http://www.godfreyil.org/media/pdf/zoningamend01_15.pdf

- **2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – (Adopted by Godfrey Ordinance)**

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