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Clayton County Board of Commissioners

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Clayton County Ordinance Approval

Jonesboro, Georgia--- The Clayton County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance 2016-171, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Effective immediately, this change reflects that residential burning of any type within the unincorporated boundaries of Clayton County is expressly prohibited.

Only the following types of burning are permitted: Residential fire pits, grills, smokers, outdoor fire places and other implements used for cooking food for immediate human consumption. At no time shall these devices be used for any purpose or in any manner other than those intended by the manufacturer. Persons violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.

Burning yard waste releases nitrogen oxides and particle pollution into the air. Burning adversely affects the health, safety, and general welfare of a community. People who burn trash are exposed to these pollutants. So are their families and neighbors.

Children, the elderly and those with preexisting respiratory conditions can be especially vulnerable. Burning pollutants contributes to lung and heart disease. Burning releases pollutants such as particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury into the air and ground. These pollutants can have immediate and long-term health effects such as asthma and emphysema, kidney or liver damage and reproductive or developmental disorders.

Alternatives to burning include bagging, burying and mulching. Additionally, Clayton County Refuse Control offers a debris removal service in unincorporated Clayton County. For more information contact Refuse Control at 770-477-3548.

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