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Re: Guernsey County  
Open Burning

Mr. Seth Peyers  
219 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Peyers:

On September 29, 2008, the Cambridge Fire Department responded to a fire at 219 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street. They found a small fire with tree limbs being open burned and spoke to you.

Residential waste cannot be open burned inside a restricted area. Residential waste includes paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc. A restricted area is defined as an area inside the city limits and extending one mile outside the city limits if the city has a population of 10,000 or more residents. If the city has less than 10,000 residents, the restricted area extends 1,000 feet outside the city limits. If your property was outside the restricted area, the fire would be permitted only if the fire was 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor.

The open burning of residential waste inside a restricted area is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
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Enclosure