

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE NO. 1-2008

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY,  
ADDING CHAPTER 13.10.75 TO YAKIMA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 3-2007 TO  
PROHIBIT THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NOVELTY LIGHTERS

WHEREAS, novelty lighters have features which are attractive to children,  
including visual effects, flashing lights, musical sounds, or toy-like designs; and,

WHEREAS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled thousands of  
novelty lighters since 1996 due to their danger to public safety; and,

WHEREAS, juvenile fire setting has been identified by the National Fire  
Protection Association (NFPA) as the fastest growing fire threat in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, local, state and national public safety agencies support the  
prohibition of the sale and distribution of novelty lighters; and,

WHEREAS, the function of a lighter can be achieved without the novelty  
attraction to children; now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that Amendment to Chapter 3, General Precautions  
Against Fire, of the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code, is hereby added as Chapter  
13.10.75 to the Yakima County Code.

To be effective 90 days from date herein signed.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.



Ronald F. Gamache, Chairman




J. Rand Elliott, Commissioner



Michael D. Leita, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Christina Steiner, Clerk of the Board

