

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** The Cleveland County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under Title 2, Article 16 Section 16-26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, finds that extreme fire danger exists in Cleveland County.

**WHEREAS:** Cleveland County is in a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and,

**WHEREAS:** No more than one-half inch of precipitation is forecast by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the next three days; and,

**WHEREAS:** Fire occurrence is significantly greater than normal for the season and/or initial attack on a significant number of wildland fires has been unsuccessful due to extreme fire behavior; and,

**WHEREAS:** A majority of the county's municipal and certified rural fire departments agree that a period of extreme fire danger exists and request that a county burn ban be instituted.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Cleveland County Board of County Commissioners docs hereby declare a period of extreme fire danger exists in Cleveland County effective immediately upon passage of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That by virtue of this resolution, in accordance with 20.S. Chapter 1 Article 16, Section 16-26 Paragraph 5B, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wild wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop or other wildlands fire; and,

Any law-enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out enforcement of this resolution; and

Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this resolution shall be in effect for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners unless the burn ban is removed earlier by the same method by which it was approved; and

If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed by the Board of County Commissioners the same manner as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That welding/cutting torch/grinding activities can continue under the following conditions:

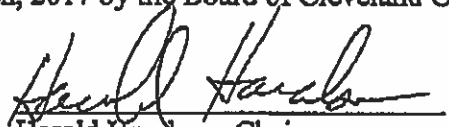
1. When conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least ten (10) feet by ten (10) feet and when welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; and

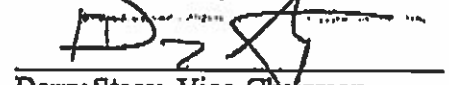
- 2. Wind speeds are less than twenty (20) mph; and
- 3. A fire watch other than the welder is posted at the welding/cutting/grinding site with Pressurized water or fire extinguisher present.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That LPG and natural gas grills and charcoal fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five (5) feet from flammable vegetation.


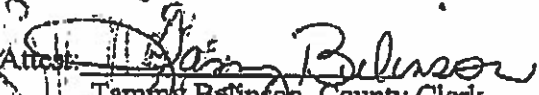
Should a fire result from any permitted activities, the individual conducting said activities shall be responsible for immediate fire suppression and for any damages which might result from such a fire.

Resolved at a meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 by the Board of Cleveland County Commissioners.

  
 Harold Haralson, Chairman

  
 Darryl Stacy, Vice-Chairman

  
 Rod Cleveland, Member


 Attest:   
 Tammy Belinson, County Clerk