

**Major County Commissioners**

**BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

Resolution #: 10

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** The Board of Major County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Major County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B, 1-1a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

**BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION,** it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other 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 other wildlands fire.

**EXCEPTIONS** to this fire prohibition and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

1. For firefighting burns used for fire suppression, by firefighting personnel.
2. Welding / Cutting Torch / Grinding Activities when conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet, and when appropriate screens or blankets are used over vegetation with the following conditions:
  - A. Winds speeds are less than 15 mph and;
  - B. A fire watch, other than the welder is posted at the welding, cutting, or grinding site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher suitable for the situation.

3. Outdoor campfires are prohibited; LP and charcoal-fired cooking is acceptable outside in a grilling receptacle provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface at least 5 feet from flammable vegetation.

4. Agricultural producers burning cropland, rangeland, forests or pastures **MUST** follow Oklahoma Forestry Service guidelines. Prescribed burning shall not include campfires, household trash, debris or pile burning.

A. Submit a written prescribed burn plan to the local fire chief and to the local representative of the Forestry Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to include the following

- 1) Name and telephone number of agricultural producer conducting the burn
  - 2) Address and legal description of the area to be burned
  - 3) Objective and purpose of the burn
  - 4) List of fire departments and sheriff office that are required to be notified
  - 5) List of adjoining landowners required to be notified
  - 6) Description of any firebreaks used to define boundary of the prescribed burn
  - 7) Statement of weather conditions
  - 8) Description of any smoke management considerations
  - 9) Ignition plan for the burn
- B. A copy of the written prescribed burn plan must be on site when conducting the burn.
- C. County Sheriff and Dispatch center of the local fire department must be notified prior to the burn
- D. Burn plan shall be deemed approved 72 hours after submission to the local fire department. Fire department may amend the plan with 72 hours after submission.

**ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESOLUTION** may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall by guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** for a period not to exceed 14 days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the 14 day period by the same method by which it was approved.

**RESOLVED AT A MEETING** by the Board of Major County Commissioners this 20 day of March, 2017

The Board of Major County Commissioners

Chairman

Member

Member

County Clerk

