

Comanche County Burn Ban Proclamation/Resolution

WHEREAS, the climate of the state of Oklahoma and Comanche County is conducive to the development of dry and hazardous burning conditions; and

WHEREAS, no significant rainfall (more than ½ inch) is forecasted for the next Three (3) days and the county is experiencing a moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions and

WHEREAS, it is essential that actions be taken to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Comanche County.

WHEREAS, it is important to conserve the resources of the county and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Emergency Management Department, and a majority of Comanche County Fire Chiefs have determined that hazardous burning conditions do exist in the county.

WHEREAS, and law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this solution. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine or not more than Five-hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Commissioners by Section 16*26B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire dangers exists in the Comanche County. This situation (as defined in Section 12-26.B1.a-d, Title 2. O.S.) have been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

WHEREAS, exceptions to this fire prohibition and appropriate precautionary measures to be taken as per attached.

Adopted at an open meeting by the Board of Comanche County Commissioners this 2nd day of September 2014. This order is effective from September 2, 2014 – October 2, 2014



Chair



Member



Member

 

County Clerk

EXCEPTIONS TO COMANCHE COUNTY BURN BAN

For equipment related to road construction projects:

Equipment which uses propane or other controlled-type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it would be prudent to have a water pumper on standby anytime this equipment is used near a grassy right of way.

Welding/cutting torch/grinding activities:

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

2. Wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; and

3. A fire watcher, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and natural gas frills and charcoal-fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface 10 feet by 10 feet and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

PRESCRIBED BURNS ON FEDERAL LANDS

Are exempt when conducted under the federal prescribed burn rules and regulations.

