

Resolution No. 75-15-16.**COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

The Texas County Board of 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 Texas County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B.1.a-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 wild lands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wild lands fire.

Exceptions and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

**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 standby anytime this equipment is used near a grassy right-of-way.

**WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES:**

1. When conducted over non-combustible surface of 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 watch, 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 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 feet from flammable vegetation.

Enforcement of this resolution may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. 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 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 thirty (30) days from the date of passage by the Texas County 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 thirty day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Texas County Commissioners at 10:30 am on

March 28, 2016.

Jack Strain  
Chairman

Richard Bryan  
Vice Chairman

Ted Keeling  
Member



Attest: Wendy Johnson  
County Clerk

County Ban on Outdoor Burning Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to help County Commissioners follow the steps necessary to comply with state law when placing a ban on outdoor burning within their county, or removing such a ban. These steps are included in the Oklahoma Statutes in Title 2, Article 16, Section 16-26, and Sub-section B.

County: Texas Type of Action:  Ban On  Ban Off

1. Document that a period of extreme fire danger does or does not exist:

Yes No

Drought conditions exist within the county

Less than one-half (1/2) inch of precipitation is forecast during the next 3 days

Fire occurrence is above normal levels/initial attack is unsuccessful

Where data is available, more than twenty percent (20%) of wildfires have been caused by escaped debris burning or controlled burning.

Most municipal and certified rural fire departments support the resolution *9 of 11 Chiefs*

In passing a resolution to ban outdoor burning, exceptions to the ban were considered. If any exceptions were authorized, the resolution will include appropriate precautionary measures to prevent wildfires.

2. Based upon an assessment of this information, the Board took the following action:

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Date and time of action: 3-28-2016, 10:25 a.m.

3. The Board notified each of the following entities of this action (all are required):

- Forestry Services - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Tourism and Recreation
- Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Local news media
- Local law enforcement officials

4.  The Board has retained the original resolution, proof of notification of the agencies and other groups required, and other public posting activities.

Checklist completed by: *Joel Alan*

Date: 3-28-2016