

RESOLUTION R-16-20
WOODWARD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA BURN BAN

WHEREAS: The Woodward County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Title 2, O.S. § 16-26.B, do hereby proclaim that a condition of extreme fire danger exists in Woodward County. This situation has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's fire chiefs.

WHEREAS: 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 rubbish or other material that may cause such a fire. All outdoor burning in progress at the time of the passage of this resolution is ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate. Controlled/prescribed burns or other activities stated herein which have occurred prior to the passage of this resolution and are ongoing at the time of the passage of this resolution shall not be a defense for violation of this resolution.

WHEREAS: Any law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this resolution. 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, in accordance with Title 2, O.S. § 16-26.B.

WHEREAS: Certain exceptions and/or notations may be attached to this resolution, as listed below:

NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS BURN BAN.

X OUTDOOR WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

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

- 1) Wind speeds are less than 20 miles per hour, and;
- 2) A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or a fire extinguisher.

X OUTDOOR COOKING ACTIVITIES

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. Gas and charcoal-fired cooking outside in an enclosed grilling receptacle is permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

PREScribed BURNS BY AGRICULTURALISTS

Agriculturalists with an economic necessity to conduct a prescribed burn may request to conduct such a burn by submitting a Prescribed Burn Plan to the Woodward County E-911 Center, located at 1219 8th St., Woodward. Prescribed burn plans shall meet basic criteria as specified by the Woodward County Prescribed Burn Plan Guidance document, available at www.readywoodward.com or at the Woodward County E-911 Center at 1219 8th St., Woodward. Such plan shall be submitted within 24-hours of the burn to the Woodward County E911 Center. The affected local fire chief/designate shall advise on whether or not to recommend approval of such permit to the local County Commissioner/ designate, who shall have final authority to approve or disapprove such prescribed burn. Such exemption, if approved, is in effect until the expiration date and time of resolution, and such authorization may be withdrawn at any time by the approving County Commissioner. The plan/permit must be available at the site for inspection by public safety personnel during the burn period.

FIREWORKS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISPLAYS

Fireworks are permitted provided that they are ignited over an area that is at least 10 feet from flammable vegetation. Fireworks emitting aerial projectiles are not recommended due to the exceptionally high fire danger. Controlled, public fireworks displays by local fire departments, municipalities or other non-profit organizations are authorized, in accordance with regulations as designed by local, state and federal law.

FIREWORKS, PUBLIC DISPLAYS ONLY

Private ignition of/displays of fireworks are prohibited. Controlled, public fireworks displays by local fire departments, municipalities or other non-profit organizations are authorized, in accordance with regulations as designed by local, state and federal law. Such displays must be pre-authorized by the fire chief having firefighting authority in the fire district where the display is to occur, and requires the presence of the fire department while the display is occurring.

X FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

The ignition of fireworks, regarding both private and public displays, are prohibited for the duration of this burn ban.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Woodward County Board of Commissioners made this Burn Ban effective immediately for a period not to exceed twenty-eight (28) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the seven day period in the same method by which it was approved, and may be overridden at any time by a lawfully-declared burn ban by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted this 11 day of APRIL, 20 16 by the Board of County Commissioners of Woodward County, and effective until the 18 day of APRIL, 20 16

Tommy Reedell
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ATTEST

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