

**SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BURN BAN RESOLUTION:**

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The Seminole 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 Seminole 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 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 to this fire prohibition 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 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 of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding: (1) blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; (2) wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; and (3) a fire watch, other than 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.

**OILFIELD AND LANDFILL ACTIVITIES:** Gas vents and flares associated with the extraction of oil and gas are generally considered exempt as long as the top of the vent pipe is raised well above the surrounding vegetation. Sludge pits are covered under the ban and should not be burned while it is in effect. Fire training exercises with confines of refinery boundaries shall be exempt.

**AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES:** Controlled burn is permitted for Love Grass pastures that have been approved and are accompanied with required written documentation.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND OERB PROJECTS:** Controlled burn is permitted under the supervision and restriction of the related fire district in question.

**ANY OTHER ACTION WOULD FALL UNDER THE STATE BURN BAN REGULATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

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 that on (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 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 Seminole County Board of County Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. on 3-24-14.

Clifton Taylor  
Chairman

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Member

[Signature]  
Member

Attest:

Danasha Wilkins  
County Clerk



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**FAX COVER SHEET**

**TO: GEORGE GEISSLER, State Forester  
FAX: 405-522-4583**

**FROM: TAHASHA WILCOTS, SEMINOLE COUNTY CLERK**

**RE: BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT 405/257/5142 IF  
YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**