RESOLUTION No. 12-2016
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BURN BAN RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Cimarron County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 13-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Cimarron County.

Whereas, 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.

Therefore, 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 wildlands fire. This ban is to include the use or discharge of fireworks or other explosives.

Whereas, Exceptions to this fire prohibition and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

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.

WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

1. 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 combustible vegetation; and
2. Wind speeds must be less than 20mph; and
3. A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

Whereas, 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.

Therefore, 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.

And Whereas, 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.

Therefore, Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Cimarron County Commissioners at 10:00 A.M., March 14, 2016.

BOARD OF CIMARRON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Danny Bass, Chairman

Tom Barnes, Member

Bron Gardner, Designee

Attest: Coleen Allen
(SEAL) Coleen Allen, County Clerk