

RESOLUTION

PITTSBURG COUNTY BURN BAN

WHEREAS: The Pittsburg County Board of 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 Pittsburg 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 managers and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

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 trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop or other wild lands fire.

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.

WHEREAS: Certain exceptions are attached to this resolution by Pittsburg County.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Pittsburg County Board of Commissioners made this COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven (7) 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 seven day period by the same method by which it was approved.

*Attachment on back.

Approved this ___17th___ day of January, 2014


Kevin Smith, Chairman

Tent Myers, Member


Gene Rogers, Member

Attest:


Hope Trammell, County Clerk



***Exceptions to Pittsburg 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 any time 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 blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; and

- a. Wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; and
- b. 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 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.

Burn Ban Exclusion for McAlester Fire Department training for live fire burning exercise.