

RESOLUTION #2023-82A

GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA - BURN BAN

WHEREAS the Grant County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by §16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Grant County. This situation (as defined in §16.26.B.1a-d of Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's Fire Chiefs or their designated authorized agent.

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 materials that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildland fire. All outdoor burning in progress at the time of the passage of this resolution are ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate. Controlled 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 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.

WHEREAS certain exceptions may be attached to this resolution by Grant County.

_____ NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS 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 will be required to have a water pumper on standby any time this equipment is used near a grassy right of way. Such requirements are the responsibility of the company or organization conducting the construction and is not the responsibility of the fire department within the jurisdiction in which the construction activities are taking place.

XX WELDING/CUTTING TOUCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

Outdoor welding or cutting torch activities cause many fires each year and the ban is intended to prevent wildland fires caused by this activity. In addition to the penalties prescribed in the last for violations of the outdoor burning ban, operators may also be liable for damages caused by a fire and the costs of suppression of such fire. Extreme caution is advised. Outdoor welding and cutting torch activities may continue under the following conditions:

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

XX CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and nature 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 (5) feet from flammable vegetation. Coleman-type pressurized stoves are exempt. However, any fire resulting from grilling or the use of these cookers or stoves is still an illegal fire.

_____ **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS UNDER CONTRACT**

Agricultural producers burning as a preferred method of managing their property must comply with the procedures listed as defined in §16.26. B.4a-c of Title 2, O.S.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Board of Commissioner made this COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN **effective immediately upon signing of this resolution and will expire at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2023** and may be extended for a total of fourteen (14) consecutive 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 by 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 24th day of April 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma.



Cindy Pratt
Cindy Pratt, County Clerk (Secretary)

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