

CARTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Board of County Commissioners

Burn Ban Resolution #: 2025-2026-295

The Carter 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 and/or high heat conditions exists in Carter County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B Title 2 O.S.) has been verified by a concurrence of the majority of the County's 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 wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn or ignite fireworks, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range crop or other wildlands 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 any time this equipment is used near a grassy right-of-way.

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

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires (including fire pits) are prohibited. LPG and natural gas grills and charcoal/wood-fired grills/smokers outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least 5 feet from flammable vegetation.

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), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

This resolution shall be 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 and/or high heat conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This burn ban may be removed at any time during the burn ban period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting of the Board of Carter County Commissioners on: _____



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