

BURNING BAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: pursuant to Act No. 1995-52 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, counties may impose a temporary burn ban on open fires; and

WHEREAS: Due to current dry conditions and a desire to keep our first responders and the public safe, the County has received a written recommendation from the district forester for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, based on the written recommendations from 50% or more of the County fire chiefs; and

WHEREAS The County Commissioners are desirous of providing for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS The County Commissioners are desirous of protecting the people of Franklin County from the dangers and threats of uncontrolled and unsafe fires;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There is hereby imposed a burn ban on all open fires in Franklin County.
2. Open burning is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) out-of-doors in either a burn barrel, (screened or unscreened) fire ring, or on the ground. The use of propane or gas stoves, charcoal briquette grills, or the use of tobacco in any form is not covered under this act.
3. Any burn ban imposed shall supersede any municipal ordinance to the contrary.
4. This resolution shall be enforced by any sworn police officer, including the Pennsylvania State Police. Whenever the violation of the act occurs in a city, borough, incorporated town or township which has in effect an ordinance prohibiting open burning, the police officer may cite the violation under either the municipal ordinance or the county resolution. Under no circumstances shall any person be cited for violations of both the county resolution and the municipal ordinance for the same violation.
5. Any burn ban imposed under this section shall remain in effect for no more than 30 days. The County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the district forester may extend the ban for up to an additional 30 days.
6. The resolution shall require a minimum notice of 48 hours prior to the imposition of a temporary countywide burn ban. Notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published on social media of Franklin County.

7. Penalty - A person who violates this act commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to any a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and \$300 for the third offense.

DULY ADOPTED this 13 day of November 2024.

Franklin County Commissioners

Dean Horst, Chair



John Flannery, Commissioner



Robert Ziobrowski, Commissioner

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