

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

The Washington 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 exists in Washington 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 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 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:

- Grilling or outdoor cooking only on hard, fire proof surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet.
- Welding, grinding, or gas torch work with a dedicated fire watch person and means to extinguish fire.

Agricultural producers burning cropland, rangeland, forests or pastures as a management practice can still burn provided that all of the following requirements are met: Statutory Reference: O.S. Title 2 § 16-26.B.4

- A written prescribed burn plan is submitted to the local fire department with the following information.

- 1) Name and telephone number of the agricultural producer conducting the burn,
- 2) Address and legal description of the area to be burned
- 3) Objective and purpose of the burn
- 4) List of fire departments and sheriff's offices that are required to be notified
- 5) List of adjoining landowners required to be notified pursuant to Section 16-28.2
- 6) Description of any firebreaks used to define the boundary of the prescribed burn
- 7) Statement of prescribed weather conditions
- 8) Description of any smoke-management considerations
- 9) Ignition plan for the burn

Retain a copy of the written prescribed burn plan on site when conducting the prescribed burn o Notify the county sheriff and the dispatch center of the local fire department prior to conducting the prescribed burn o Comply with the notification procedures outlined in Title 2, Section 16-28.2

You shall provide adequate fire lines, sufficient manpower and firefighting equipment to contain your fire to the property you are authorized to burn and stay with the fire until it is extinguished. Statutory Reference: O.S. Title 2 § 16-28.1.A.2.

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.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) 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 fourteen day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Washington County Commissioners at **2:00 p.m., March 26, 2026.**

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

Attest:

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County Clerk