

Resolution 2012 0924

Whereas, Tulsa County has entered a period of moderate drought, and the National Weather Service predicts no more than one-half inch of rain for the next 3 days; and,

Whereas, a majority of the Tulsa County Fire Chiefs report that their departments are experiencing above-normal levels of fire occurrence; and,

Whereas, a majority of Tulsa County Fire Chiefs support an immediate burn ban resolution for Tulsa County; and,

Now therefore, be it resolved, The Tulsa County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to O.S. Title 2, Section 16 -26.B, do hereby proclaim that an **EXTREME FIRE DANGER** exists in Tulsa County, and that an **IMMEDIATE BURN BAN** exists in Tulsa County. This situation, as defined in the afore-mentioned section has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs or their delegates.

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

By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop, or other wild lands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop of other wild lands fire.

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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves exceptions to this burn ban on a case-by-case basis, with appropriate precautions, as authorized by the authorities within Tulsa County with jurisdiction for fire protection.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date and time of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be considered for passage. This BURN BAN may be removed at any time during the seven (7) day period in the same method by which it was approved.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

Earlene Wilson, County Clerk

John Smaligo, Commissioner District 1

Karen Keith, Commissioner District 2

Fred Perry, Commissioner District 3