

Comanche County Commissioners

Burn Ban Resolution

The Comanche 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 Comanche County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26. B1.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.

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 other material that may cause such a fire. All outdoor burning in progress at the time of the passage of this resolution not otherwise authorized by law in ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate. Controlled/prescribed 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 for violation of this resolution. Fireworks is prohibited. The ignition of fireworks, regarding both private and public displays, are prohibited for the duration of this burn ban.

WHEREAS, Exception 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 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, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING - Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. Charcoal grills, LPG, and natural gas grills 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.

PRESCRIBED BURNS – Agricultural producers burning cropland, rangeland, forests, or pastures as a preferred method of managing their property MUST follow Oklahoma Forestry Service guidelines as outlined in Section 16-26.4, Title 2, O.S.

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CARRIE TUBBS
COMANCHE COUNTY CLERK

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 (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period of fourteen (14) days by the Board of County Commissioners, with the possibility of extension on a week-to-week basis to be determined at the Commissioners meeting. 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.

This Resolution does NOT apply to Federal Land.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Comanche County Commissioners at 2:00 pm on October 29, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA,**

Josh Powers – Chairman

Johnny Owens – Vice Chairman

Ryan John – Member

Carrie Tubbs – County Clerk

