

RESOLUTION
No. 2024-73
LATIMER COUNTY BURN BAN

WHEREAS: The Latimer County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Section 16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Latimer County. This situation has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County municipal managers and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

WHEREAS: It has been documented that severe, extreme, or exceptional drought conditions exist in Latimer County.

WHEREAS: By virtue of the 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 wild lands fire.

WHEREAS: Any law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of the 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 one (1) year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

WHEREAS: Certain exceptions are attached to the Resolution by Latimer County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Latimer County Board of County Commissioners made the COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN 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 conditions persist, subsequent Resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the seven day period by the same method by which it was approved.

***Attachment on back.**

Approved this 21st day of October, 2024.


Rodger Kimble, Chairman


Jerry Jiles, Vice-Chairman


Jeremy Bullard, Member


Erin Adams, Latimer County Clerk



***Exceptions to Latimer County Burn Ban**

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

When conducting over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding blankets or screen are used to cover flammable vegetation; and

- a. Wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; and
- b. 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. LPG and natural gas 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.