Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners County-Wide Burn Ban Resolution Number 2022-3863

The Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted by O.S. § Title 2, Chapter 16, Section 26.B, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Oklahoma County. As defined within this statute, this situation has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the Oklahoma County fire chiefs or their designees. Required documentation is maintained by the Office of Emergency Management.

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 wildland 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 punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval 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 implemented. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the fourteen day period by the same method through which it was approved.

Exceptions: Outdoor cooking in approved cooking appliances is permissible with due caution.