

RESOLUTION R-__26-61_____
WOODWARD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA BURN BAN

WHEREAS: The Woodward County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Title 2, O.S. § 16-26.B, do hereby proclaim that a condition of extreme fire danger exists in Woodward County. This situation has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's fire chiefs.

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 is ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate.

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 one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in accordance with Title 2, O.S. § 16-26.B.

WHEREAS: Certain exceptions and/or notations may be attached to this resolution, as listed below:

____ NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS BURN BAN.

 X OUTDOOR WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

When conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet, and when welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation, and:

- 1) Wind speeds are less than 15 miles per hour using verification data from the Oklahoma Mesonet, and;
- 2) A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or a fire extinguisher.

____ RECREATIONAL FIRES PROHIBITED

Gas and charcoal-fired cooking outside in an enclosed grilling receptacle, and gas fire pits are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation. All other recreational fires and outdoor cooking activities are prohibited.

 XX OUTDOOR COOKING ACTIVITIES AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

Gas and charcoal-fired cooking outside in an enclosed grilling receptacle and gas fire pits are permitted if the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation. Bonfires and fire torches are prohibited. Outdoor wood campfires are permitted, provided that the campfire is

- 1) At least five feet from flammable vegetation;
- 2) With a minimum of 5 gallons of water present;
- 3) With the wind speed being less than 15 miles per hour using verification data from the Oklahoma Mesonet;
- 4) With the fire never being left unattended, and;
- 5) With the fire being extinguished properly with water and covered with soil after use.

____ FIREWORKS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISPLAYS

Fireworks are permitted provided that they are ignited over an area that is at least 10 feet from flammable vegetation, when winds are at or under 15 miles per hour using data from the Oklahoma Mesonet, and only in accordance with regulations as designated by local, state and federal law. Private use of fireworks emitting aerial projectiles are not authorized due to the exceptionally high fire danger. Controlled, public fireworks displays by local fire departments,

municipalities or other non-profit organizations are authorized, in accordance with regulations as designed by local, state and federal law, and so long as a person is present with a valid Public Display Operator's License from the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office.

 FIREWORKS, PUBLIC DISPLAYS ONLY

Private ignition of/displays of fireworks are prohibited. Controlled, public fireworks displays by local fire departments, municipalities or other non-profit organizations are authorized, in accordance with regulations as designated by local, state and federal law. Such displays must be pre-authorized by the fire chief having firefighting authority in the fire district where the display is to occur and requires the presence of the fire department while the display is occurring, and so long as a person is present with a valid Public Display Operator's License from the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office.

 X FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

The ignition of fireworks, regarding both private and public displays, are prohibited for the duration of this burn ban.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Woodward County Board of Commissioners made this Burn Ban effective immediately for the period listed below. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the period in the same method by which it was approved and may be overridden at any time by a lawfully declared burn ban by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted this 31st day of AUGUST, 2026 by the Board of County Commissioners of Woodward County, and effective until the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Clint White

Chairman

ATTEST:

Wendy Dunlap

Wendy Dunlap, County Clerk



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Vice-Chairman

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Member