

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-51

WHEREAS, Rogers County is in severe drought conditions according to the U.S. Drought Monitor and the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts no more than one-half inch of rain for the next 3 days; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the Rogers County Fire Chiefs report that their departments are experiencing above-normal levels of fire occurrence or more than 20 percent of fires are caused by escaped debris burning or controlled burning; and,

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

WHEREAS, a majority of Rogers County Fire Chiefs recommend no blanket exceptions to a burn ban resolution except gas or electric grills over non-flammable surfaces and industrial welding over non-flammable surfaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROGERS COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Rogers County, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 2, § 16-26(B), do hereby proclaim that an **EXTREME FIRE DANGER** exists in Rogers County, and that an **IMMEDIATE BURN BAN** exists in Rogers County. This situation, as defined in the aforementioned section has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs or their delegates.

This burn ban shall not apply to gas or electric grilling over non-flammable surfaces, nor shall it apply to industrial welding over non-flammable surfaces.


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 or 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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), 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 Rogers County with jurisdiction for fire protection.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed twelve (12) 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 twelve (12) day period in the same method by which it was approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2022.


Steve Hendrix, Chairman
Commissioner, District 2


Dan Delozier
Commissioner, District 1


Ron Burrows,
Commissioner, District 3



ATTEST:


Jeanne M. Heidlage, County Clerk