

Resolution No. 101-08-09

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURN BAN RESOLUTION**

The Texas 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 Texas County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B.1.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.

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 wildlands fire.

Exceptions 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 standby anytime this equipment is used near a grassy right-of-way.**

**WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES:**

- 1. When conducted over non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 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, LPG and natural gas grills 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.**

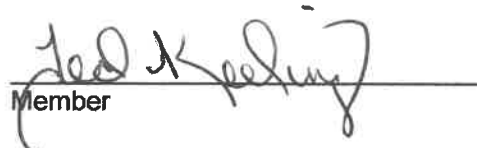
Enforcement of this resolution may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of passage by the Texas County 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.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Texas County Commissioners at 10:45 a.m. on  
(time)

02/23/2009  
(month/day/year)

  
Chairman

  
Member

  
Vice Chairman

Attest:   
County Clerk



## County Burn Ban Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to help County Commissioners follow the steps necessary to comply with state law when placing a ban on outdoor burning within their county, or removing such a ban. These steps are included in the Oklahoma Statutes in Title 2, Article 16, Section 16-26, Sub-section B.

County: TEXAS Type of Action:  Ban On  Ban Off

### 1. Document that a period of extreme fire danger does or does not exist:

Yes No

- Drought conditions exist within the county
- Less than one-half inch of precipitation is forecast during the next 3 days
- Fire occurrence is above normal levels/initial attack is unsuccessful
- More than 20% of fires from escaped debris burning or controlled burns
- Most municipal and certified rural fire departments support the resolution
- In passing a resolution to ban outdoor burning, exceptions to the ban were considered. If any exceptions were authorized, the resolution will include appropriate precautionary measures to prevent wildfires.

### 2. Based upon an assessment of this information, the Board took the following action:

Continued Burn Ban already in effect.

Date and time of action: 10:30 am 2-23-09

### 3. The Board notified each of the following entities of this action (all are required):

- Forestry Services - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Tourism and Recreation
- Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Local news media
- Local law enforcement officials

### 4. The Board has retained the original resolution, proof of notification of the agencies and other groups required, and other public posting activities.

Checklist completed by: Jack Strawn Date: 2-23-09

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**We do hereby agree that a period of extreme fire danger exists in Texas County, Oklahoma and that such conditions call for the implementation of a County-wide ban on outdoor burning. This burn ban shall be put into effect by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County as prescribed by law of the State of Oklahoma.**

Adams Fire Department- Bret Bowers - No Contact  
580-253-6515

Baker Fire Department- Alan Mendenhall - Leave on  
580-523-1703

Goodwell Fire Department- Levi Bickford - Leave on  
580-651-3738

Guymon Fire Department- Clark Purdy - Leave on  
580-338-5536, 580-651-0825

Hardesty Fire Department- Jared Richards - Leave on  
580-651-9583

Hooker Fire Department- Hobbe Wayman - Leave on  
580-522-1526, 580-522-1959

Robbie Frosty  
Optima Fire Department- Jim Lockay - Leave on  
580-651-0653

Texhoma Fire Department- Jeff January - Leave on  
580-651-6786

Tyrone Fire Department- Bert Banning - Leave on  
620-655-4932

Yarbrough Fire Department- Jim Oswald - Leave on  
580-520-1001

## Burn Ban Fax Numbers

John Burwell, State Forester	405-522-4583
Kevin Ward, DPS	405-425-2337
Leslie Blair, Chief Ranger	405-230-8507
Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Div.	405-521-4706
Guymon Fire Department	580-468-4441
Texas County Sheriff's Office	580-338-1622
Guymon OHP	580-338-1622
KVII Television Station	806-373-6397
KFDA Television Station	806-383-7178
KAMR Television Station	806-381-0912
KXDJ Radio-Perryton, TX	806-648-2652
KGYN Radio	580-338-8255
KKBS Radio	580-338-0717
Guymon Daily Herald	580-338-5000
Hooker Advance	580-652-2171
City of Guymon	580-338-1854
City of Hooker	580-652-2488
Town of Goodwell	580-349-2983
Town of Texhoma	580-423-2447
Town of Tyrone	580-854-6660
Town of Optima	580-338-0814
Town of Hardesty	580-888-4598