

RESOLUTION No: 903-2026

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

REGARDING A COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Lawrence County, Missouri, desires to take action to address the critical extreme fire conditions that exist in the County; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition that the extreme drought and heat conditions will continue unabated for some time; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has authority pursuant to Sec. 192.300 RSMo to address certain conditions related to public health in conjunction with the County Health Departments; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission exercising its emergency management authority under Sec. 44.090 RSMo desire to advance the health and safety interest of the County's residents and to cooperate with all other state and political subdivisions addressing the clear and present danger of the extreme fire hazards in Lawrence County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the County Commission issue this burn ban resolution in exercising its limited authority in the unincorporated area of Lawrence County to bring attention to the public emergency; and

That the County Commission issues this burn ban resolution as a public declaration to be followed by all persons located within the unincorporated area of Lawrence County until such conditions for issuance of this emergency declaration have ceased to exist and the County Commission repeals this Resolution; and

That the County Commission declares the following acts to be prohibited within the boundaries of the County by all citizens and persons located within such boundaries:

1. Intentional, careless or negligent uses of materials that may result in combustion of any kind damaging property of any kind in Lawrence County; and
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire works, open fire or camp fire, except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or attended grill; and
3. Any prescribed burning unless specifically approved in writing by the County Emergency Management Director or other legally authorized authority.

That the County Commission directs the emergency management operations' personnel to cooperate with all other public entities and the state in addressing the fire conditions that exist in the County pursuant to Sec 44.110 RSMo