



Escambia County Fire Rescue

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Order of Prohibition (Fire Safety)

Whereas, Escambia County has been experiencing unseasonable weather, including extended periods of time with low humidity, windy conditions and without substantial precipitation; and

Whereas, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Escambia County Fire Rescue Fire Chief hereby finds that the circumstances present in Escambia County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

Whereas, Escambia County Public Safety, fire/rescue division and Emergency Management division in conjunction with the Florida Forest Service support the implementation of a County-wide burn ban; and

Whereas, Section 50-1(b) of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances provides for the prohibition of the use of fireworks or open burning when the Fire Chief determines that there exists an immediate fire-borne threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Escambia County.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by chapter 50, Article I, Section 50-1(a) of the Escambia County Code of Ordinance, the following activities are hereby prohibited in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County: the carrying out of open burning (to include but not limited to campfires, wildfires, bonfires, trash burning and other similar forms of incineration).

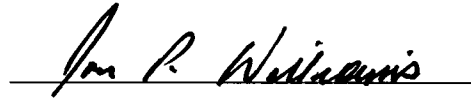
The following activities are exempt from this order: state permitted burns, fire department training, authorized fireworks displays and fireworks sales which

are authorized by state law, and outdoor cooking in barbecue grills, smokers, or other outdoor stoves located at private residences and businesses.

Violations of this burn ban are punishable either as a second-degree misdemeanor pursuant to section 125.69, Fla. Stat., or a code violation pursuant to ch. 30 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

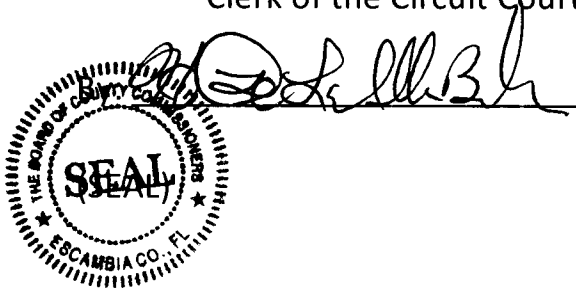
This prohibition shall remain in effect until terminated by public notice issued by the Fire Chief of Escambia County Fire Rescue when taking the following into consideration; precipitation, humidity, the Keetch Byram Drought Index, the Florida Forest Service Fire Danger Indices and the fire-borne threat otherwise has ended.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2020.



Jon P. Williams, Interim Fire Chief
Escambia County Fire Rescue

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court



Approved as to form and legal
Sufficiency.

By/Title: Alison P. Rogers

Date: 5/13/2020