

## **Fulton County Commissioners Office**

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## Temporary Burn Ban Resolution No. 9 of 2024 The Regulations of Outdoor Burning in Fulton County

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners are desirous of providing for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Fulton County: and

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to Authority Act No. 1995-52 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS,** The County Commissioners in cooperation with recommendations of 50% or more of the Volunteer Fire Chiefs in the County and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry is desirous of regulating the outdoor burning: and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners are desirous of protecting the people of Fulton County in every way possible from the dangers and threats of uncontrolled and unsafe fires:

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is resolved that:

There is hereby imposed a temporary imposed burn ban on all open fires in Fulton County. Open burning is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) out-of-doors in either a burn barrel (screened or unscreened), fire ring, or on the ground. The use of propane or gas stoves, charcoal briquette grills, or the use of tobacco in any form is not covered under this act. Furthermore, supervised campfires in campgrounds are allowed in fire rings that confine and contain the campfire, and where all flammable materials have been removed for a five foot radius.

Any burn ban imposed shall supersede any municipal ordinance.

This resolution is enforced by any sworn police officer when available, including the Pennsylvania State Police.

Any burn ban imposed under this section shall remain in effect for no more than 30 days. The County Commissioners, upon recommendation from the District Forester may extend the ban for up to an additional 30 days.

This resolution shall require a minimum notice of 48 hours prior to the imposition of the temporary burn ban. Notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in the newspaper of the County and posted on the county website.

Penalty: Any person who violates this act commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to any fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and \$300 for the third offense.

This temporary burn ban will be effective Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting at 9:00 AM and will last until December 7, 2024.

ATTEST:

Stacey M. Shives, Chief Clerk

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Randy H. Bunch, Chairman

Steven L. Wible, Vice-Chairman

Hervey P. Hann, Member