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White County Disaster Emergency

Declaration for Burn Ban

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WHEREAS, all of White County and the townships and municipalities contained therein have suffered and are immediately threatened by severe and prolonged dry weather; and

WHEREAS, the various fire departments within White County have responded to an increasing number of brush fires and wildfires directly resulting from the dry weather conditions prompting the chiefs of such departments to request a declaration for a county-wide "burn ban" during the current dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, White County Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Ordinance (Ordinance No. 12-01-17-01 ), authorizes the declaration of a local disaster emergency pursuant to I.C 10-14-3-29 resulting from disasters, including drought , posing an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property as a result thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to declare a Local Disaster Emergency and the banning of open fires as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE White County Emergency Management Director and the White County Sheriff, hereby declare pursuant to I.C 10-14-3-29 and the above White County Ordinance, that a **Local Disaster Emergency** exists in White County and therefore bans the following activities in White County until **March 16, 2025**.

1. Campfires.
2. Bonfires.
3. Unpermitted controlled Burns.
4. Burning of yard and household trash.
5. Burning of construction debris.
6. Burning of organic debris.
7. Discarding extinguished smoking materials of any kind on the ground or not within an enclosed fireproof receptacle.

8. Non-commercial burning of material which is not contained in a barbecue grill, with a lid which is only opened periodically and constantly attended.

9. The burning of any other open-air fires.

10. Fireworks of any kind, except fireworks display by an entity having a permit issued by the Office of the Indiana State Fire Marshall or displays sponsored by a White County municipality and supervised by a local fire department.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, that for the duration of the **Local Disaster Emergency and Burn Ban** all citizens of White County are called upon and directed to comply with the above emergency measures, cooperate with public officials, and obey the lawful direction of properly identified public officers in the enforcement thereof. Pursuant to I.C. 10-14-3-34, any person who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates the provisions of this **Local Emergency Declaration and Burn Ban** consists of commission of a Class B misdemeanor.

This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and forwarded to all newspapers in White County and shall be promptly filed in the office of the White County Clerk.

**DECLARED** by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Indiana on this 13th day of March, 2025.

President

*Daniel L. Davis*

Member

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Attest:

*Elizabeth J. Billue jr*

White County Auditor

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