

# RESOLUTION NO. 2014-016

*A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN OUTDOOR BURNING PRACTICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.*

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of April, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County passed Resolution 2014-14 instituting certain burning restrictions after finding that dry conditions and the lack of moisture had caused, or imminently threatened to cause widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disastrous proportion in Jefferson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, on this 19th day of May, 2014, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Kansas finds that such dry conditions and the lack of moisture continue to cause, or imminently threaten to cause widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disastrous proportion in Jefferson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners deems it advisable to extend procedures for the implementation of certain regulations on outside burning practices in the unincorporated area of Jefferson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. As provided in K.S.A. 48-932, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare that due to low moisture conditions that an emergency exists and that the outdoor burning restrictions contained in this declaration shall take effect immediately when the rangeland fire danger is very high or extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning is issued and be in force until the County Commission considers whether to extend or terminate the ban on June 16, 2014, or the County Commission Chair terminates the burn ban prior to June 16, 2014. This declaration of a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

Section 2. Outdoor Burning Restrictions. During an emergency declared in accordance with Section 1 of this resolution, the following activities shall be prohibited in the outdoors:

(a) The careless use and disposal of smoking materials, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars and pipes. All smoldering remains shall be discarded in inflammable containers and in a manner to reduce the potential for fires.

(b) Building, maintaining, attending or using an open fire or campfire, except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or in barbecue grills in developed recreational sites or on residential home sites.

(c) Burning of all fence rows, fields, wild lands, ravines, trash, debris or areas of materials.

Section 3. Penalties. As provided in K.S.A 48-939, the knowing or willful violation of any restrictions adopted pursuant to this resolution shall constitute a class A misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by law therefore.

ADOPTED, this 19th day of May, 2014.




Richard Malm, Chairman



Wayne Ledbetter, Vice Chair

  
Lynn Luck, Member

ATTEST:   
Linda M. Buttrick, Jefferson County Clerk