

Resolution 2020- 4
DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
Daviess County, Indiana

September 22, 2020

Whereas, Daviess County, Indiana (the “County”) is threatened by a natural disaster; specifically, county wide drought conditions, and;

Whereas, as of this date, the County is at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

Whereas, a County-wide “burn ban” is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Daviess County Board of Commissioners (the “Commissioners”), declare, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this Resolution, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of the County.

We also declare that, effective immediately, the following activities are prohibited in the County:

1. campfires and other recreational fires, unless enclosed in a fire ring border which is 10 inches high or higher;
2. open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from the grills until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished;
3. the burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities;
4. the use of burn barrels for any open burning at residential structures **unless** the use of a wire mesh screen top with ¼ inch or less openings, and from dusk to dawn only.

In addition, we encourage County residents to limit their use of fireworks to those that do not leave the ground, and to refrain from using aerial firework devices.

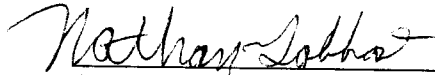
Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to I.C. 10-14-3-29.

All public offices and employees of the County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives whether state or local, with this directive to be in place until lifted by the Governing Body.

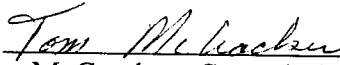
All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

This BURN BAN RESOLUTION shall be in force immediately and shall remain in force until rescinded by the Commissioners.

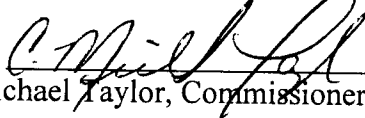
In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Nathan Gabhart, Commissioner President

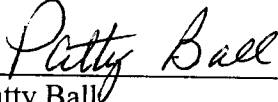


Tom McCracken, Commissioner Vice President



Michael Taylor, Commissioner

Attest:



Patty Ball
Daviness County Auditor