

FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-12

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
IMPOSING A TEMPORARY BAN ON THE SALE AND USE OF
FIREWORKS, OUTDOOR FIRES AND EXPLOSIVES IN
FRANKLIN COUNTY BECAUSE OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS;
IMPOSING A PENALTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a severe draught now exists in Franklin County, and

WHEREAS, wild fires have occurred here and throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, open fires, fireworks, and explosives pose a great danger of wildfire during the drought, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists and the immediate enactment of this ordinance is necessary, now

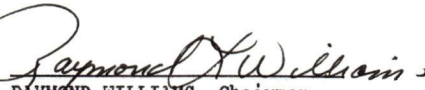
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY:

1. A drought emergency exists now in Franklin County.
2. The sale and use of all fireworks, sparklers, flares, incendiary devices, explosives, is hereby prohibited.
3. Open fires and the use of outdoor burning devices are hereby prohibited.
4. This ordinance shall be deemed filed and shall take effect when a copy has been accepted by the postal authorities of the Government of the United States for special delivery by certified mail to the Department of State of the State of Florida.
5. This ordinance shall not apply to a public fireworks display sponsored or regulated by a fire department of a municipality or fire district of Franklin County, or to attended and monitored cooking equipment.
6. The Director of Franklin County Emergency Management is hereby authorized to declare that a drought emergency exists, and to declare that the drought emergency has ceased to exist.
7. A violation of this ordinance shall be prosecuted as a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ADOPTED: June 23, 1998

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:


RAYMOND WILLIAMS, Chairman

ATTEST:

