

# FRANKLIN COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 08

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

**WHEREAS**, on May 16<sup>th</sup> the Franklin County Emergency Management Director requested the Board consider a ban on open fires because of the severely dry conditions currently existing in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, wild fires have occurred throughout the state, and have occurred in nearby Perry, FL.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board received public comment in favor of a burn ban and after discussion among the commissioners; and

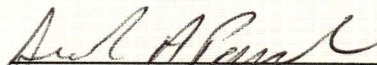
**WHEREAS**, this ordinance was adopted by a 4/5's vote of the membership of the Board of Franklin County waiving the ordinary enactment procedures, declaring that an emergency exists and that the immediate enactment of this ordinance is necessary. This ordinance was approved by at least 4/5's vote of the membership of the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY:**

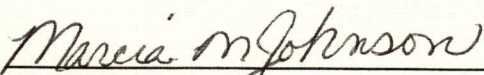
1. A drought emergency exists now in Franklin County.
2. Open Fires and the use of outdoor burning devices are prohibited, except for above ground self-contained cooking grills that are attended to and monitored by responsible adults.
3. The use of charcoal briquettes is allowed so long as the briquettes are thoroughly extinguished with water after use.
4. This ordinance shall not apply to the air curtain incinerator at the Franklin County Landfill.
5. 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 no to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
6. Franklin County shall re-consider this ordinance on May 23, 2017.

**ADOPTED: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Joseph Parrish, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Marcia M. Johnson

