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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOHNSON COUNTY**

**DISASTER EMERGENCY
BURN BAN PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Johnson County, Indiana has experienced a prolonged period of lack of rain and portions of the County are considered in a drought;

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Emergency Management Director has requested that there be in place a temporary burn ban;

WHEREAS, Certain fire protection districts and departments have already had to respond to fires in fields this last week;

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Board of Commissioners (“Board”), acting through its principle executive officer, declare that the County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards due to being in “abnormally dry” and “moderate drought” per the US Drought Monitor and little chance of rain in the coming days;

WHEREAS, A Countywide burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought and/or high wind conditions for the preservation of life and property in the County;

I declare the following:

Effective immediately, the following activities are prohibited in Johnson County:

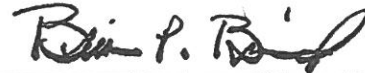
1. Campfires and any other form of recreation fire unless said fires are enclosed in a fire ring measuring at least 23 inches in diameter and 10 inches or more in height and personally and directly attended to.
2. Open burning of any kind using wood or any other combustible matter, with the exception of cooking grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane gas. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from a grill until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.
3. Open burning of any kind of debris, such as timber, vegetation, building constructions waste or otherwise, and
4. Subject to Indiana Code § 22-11-14-10.5, the usage of consumer fireworks.

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I further declare that:

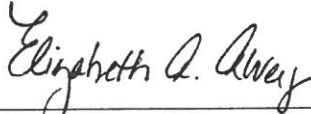
1. This burn ban may be enforced by any sworn law enforcement officer, when available.
2. The provision of this burn ban shall supersede any municipal ordinance to the contrary while it is in effect.
3. This burn ban will be in effect for seven (7) days and may be extended by two thirds vote of the Board of the Commissioners.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this September 17th, 2024



Brian P. Baird, Chairman

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor