

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESTRICT OUTDOOR BURNING THROUGHOUT
UNINCORPORATED LEWIS COUNTY

) RESOLUTION NO. 16- 212
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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) concurs with the decision of the Lewis County Community Development Director and the County Fire Marshal, that current weather conditions within Lewis County have created substantial fire danger throughout Lewis County; and

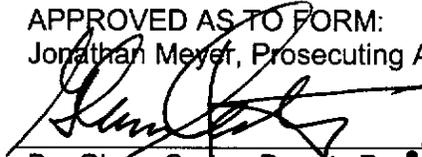
WHEREAS, there is a need to restrict outdoor burning on all lands regulated by Lewis County, EXCEPT for recreational fires in designated campgrounds or private lands in approved burning receptacles; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the County's legislative and police power authority, and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the BOCC declares that sufficient circumstances exist that warrant a ban on open burning within the County, until further action by the BOCC.

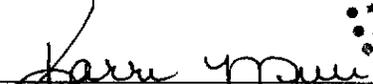
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC hereby restricts outdoor burning on all lands regulated by Lewis County, effective at 12:01 a.m. August 2, 2016 as imposed by the Lewis County Fire Marshal, EXCEPT for recreational fires in designated campgrounds or private lands in approved burning receptacles and until such restriction is modified or rescinded by like resolution of the BOCC.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

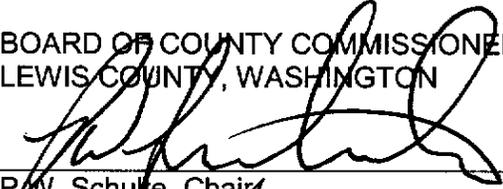
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney


By: Glenn Carter, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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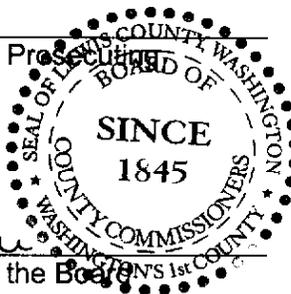

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PRESS RELEASE

Date: August 1, 2016
Contact: Lee Napier, Director
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Release #: 1

Lewis County Burn Restrictions

Effective 12:01 A.M., August 2, 2016 Lewis County Board of County Commissioners and Lewis County Fire Marshal will be enacting burn restrictions on outdoor burning for all of unincorporated Lewis County, Washington.

After careful review, of the current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Community Development Director and the Fire Marshal have determined that current weather conditions within Lewis County have created substantial fire dangers throughout Lewis County, and that there is a need to enact restriction on outdoor burning on all lands regulated by the County of Lewis, EXCEPT for recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands if built in the following manner:

- The campfire shall be no greater than 3-feet in diameter and constructed of a ring and metal stone or brick 8-inches above surface with a 2-foot wide area cleared down to exposed soil surrounding the outside of the pit.
- The campfire shall have an area at least 10-feet around it cleared of all flammable material and at least 20-feet of clearance from overhead flammable materials or fuels.
- The campfire must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16-years old with the ability to extinguish the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

The burning restriction **DOES** apply to applicants with a current open burning permit. The current burning permit expiration date will **NOW** be 12:01am on August 2.

The burning restrictions will remain in effect until such discontinuance is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. A public announcement of the lifting of the burn restrictions will be released to the public at that time.

For further information concerning outdoor burning and/or the restrictions being imposed, please contact Lee Napier, Community Development Director, at (360) 740-1146. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 10-212

BOCC Meeting Date: Aug 01, 2016

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Consent

Restrict outdoor burning throughout unincorporated Lewis County

Contact: Lee Napier

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Department: Community Development

Action Needed: Approve Resolution

Description

Request the Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) consideration and concurrence with the decision of the Lewis County Director of Community Development and the Fire Marshal regarding whether or not to impose outdoor burning restriction throughout unincorporated Lewis County.

Ratification of a resolution to restrict outdoor burning as recommended by the Fire Marshal. This determination is based on the judgment of the Fire Marshal as well as a review of fire-hazard conditions, current weather conditions, and moisture readings.

The recommendation is to enact outdoor burning restriction to commence at 12.01 a.m. on August 2, 2016.

Once conditions indicate that restrictions on outdoor burning are no longer appropriate, the Fire Marshal will recommend to the BOCC that the restriction be lifted. At that time the BOCC would ratify their decision by resolution.

The Community Development Department will make every effort necessary to keep the public, county fire control agencies and the Southwest Clean Air Agency apprised of the local outdoor burning status.

Approvals:

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