

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
Knox County, Indiana

October 16, 2020

Whereas, Knox County, Indiana (County) is immediately threatened by a natural disaster-specifically County wide drought conditions, and;

Whereas, as of October 16, 2020, the Knox County Board of Commissioners find our County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

Whereas, as of September 25, 2020 the Knox County Board of Commissioners have found our County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

Whereas, a County wide burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

Now, therefore, we, the Knox County Board of Commissioners, declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, the 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 proclamation, 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 Knox County.

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

1. Campfire and other recreational fire, unless enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter X 6 inches high or larger; and
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; and
3. The burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities and/or wind storm debris; and
4. The use of burn barrels for any open burning at residential structures.
5. Charcoal from grills shall not be removed from grills until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.

References is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code. All public offices and employees of Knox 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.

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 shall be in force immediately and will remain in force until rescinded by the Knox County Commissioners.**

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 16th day of October 2020.



Kellie Streeter, President
Knox County Board of Commissioners