

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2018-

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND EXTREME RISK OF WILD FIRES THROUGHOUT CHARLOTTE COUNTY AND IMPOSING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON OPEN BURNING AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS OR INCENDIARY DEVICES IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (“the Board”) has enacted Ordinance 2018-\_\_\_\_ (“the Ordinance”) which provides the Board with authority to adopt a Resolution declaring a drought emergency and extreme risk of wild fires and imposing certain restrictions on activities that can cause wild fires; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief for Charlotte County has sent written notification of the existence of a drought emergency and extreme risk of wild fires based on the factors listed in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has made a written presentation to the board and has recommended the imposition of certain restrictions and prohibitions as conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, after considering the presentation of the Fire Chief, the Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to adopt this resolution imposing appropriate restrictions or prohibitions on open burning and discharge of fireworks or incendiary devices in Charlotte County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

Section 1. Pursuant to Charlotte County Ordinance 2018-\_\_\_\_, and upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the Board hereby imposes a ban on all outdoor burning (including yard waste and recreational fires), and on the private use and discharge of fireworks and sparklers. Commercial/permitted fireworks may be excluded from the ban on a case-by-case basis as approved by the local Fire Marshal. The ban takes effect upon approval of this Resolution and shall remain in effect until a like Resolution repealing the ban is adopted by the Board.

Section 2. A summary of this Resolution shall be published twice, in a quarter page advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in Charlotte County, with the second advertisement appearing no more than five (5) days after publication of the first advertisement.

Section 3. Any violation of the ban is subject to the penalties contained in Section 7 of the Ordinance.

Section 4. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon passage by the Board.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth W. Doherty, Chairman

ATTEST:  
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit  
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney  
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