

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington

IN THE MATTER OF)
ESTABLISHING OUTDOOR BURNING) 04918
RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE UN-) RESOLUTION # _____
INCORPORATED AREAS OF)
KLICKITAT COUNTY)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, and having before it the need to establish outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, Klickitat County Code Chapter 8.24 (Ordinance #041194) adopted April 11, 1994, provides a procedure for regulating outdoor burning ("outdoor burning" means combustion of any type in an open fire or open container) within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County which allows flexibility and coordination between the various fire authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is the primary fire control authority in those areas of Klickitat County outside the corporate limits of any city or town; the boundaries of any fire district, the jurisdiction of the Yakama Indian Nation; and the jurisdiction of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board may, by resolution, restrict outdoor burning in the areas of its primary authority in any manner the Board, in its sound discretion, determines reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Board is the secondary fire control authority in all areas of Klickitat County outside the corporate limits of any city or town where the Board is not the primary authority. In any secondary authority area where the Board finds that the public safety is threatened by unrestricted outdoor burning and the primary authority in that area has not restricted burning or where the primary authority has requested that the Board act, the Board may restrict outdoor burning in any manner the Board, in its sound discretion, determines reasonable; and

WHEREAS, Due to expected fire behavior for this region according to the National Interagency Fire Center and its National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook Predictive Services Issued: April 1, 2018: "Concerns exist across the Interior West and California where a carryover of last year's record grass crop coupled with the growth of an average grass crop this year will cure and become receptive. With a below average mountain snowpack observed from Oregon south to the border, an elevated potential may develop.", Klickitat County Fire Districts #2, 9 and 10 through the

Klickitat County Interagency Fire Association (KCIFA) have requested a County ban on outdoor burning be adopted within Klickitat County Burn Ban Zone One.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Klickitat County hereby places into effect a ban on outdoor burning within Klickitat County Burn Ban Zone One, defined as lands east of the Klickitat County Fire District #7 eastern boundary to include but not limited to Klickitat County Fire Districts #2, 9 and 10; outside the corporate limits of any city or town; the jurisdiction of the Yakama Indian Nation; and the jurisdiction of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and prohibiting the issuance of burning permits except for authorized agricultural burning. Residential barbecues will be allowed. At the discretion of the Fire Chief, Fire Protection Districts are exempt from this ban for the purposes of live fire training activities. Said ban on outdoor burning shall be in full force and effect from May 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. The public is directed to check with the appropriate authorities concerning burning restrictions within the corporate limits of any city or town.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington

Absent

Rex F. Johnston, Chairman

Jim Sizemore

Jim Sizemore, vice-chairman

David M. Sauter

David M. Sauter, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

[Signature]

in and for the County of Klickitat, State of
Washington