

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11-02

A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER PERTAINING TO A BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING DEVICES, ANY OTHER LAWFUL OUTDOOR BURNING, AND PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF FLARES, EXPLOSIVES, AND SPARKLERS

WHEREAS, a state of local emergency exists due to the severe threat of fire to lives and property for the residents of Lafayette County, Florida: and,

WHEREAS, that due to the official drought index or known dry and windy conditions, which continue to cause, exacerbate, and increase the threat of wildfires within Lafayette County, further measures are required to protect Lafayette County citizens and visitors and to otherwise protect their health, safety, welfare and property: and

WHEREAS, the drought index continues to remain at a significant threat level in North Florida and Lafayette County, and future forecasts predict continued dry conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the power vested with the and the Board of County Commissioners and Lafayette County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, during the state of local emergency, the dispensing use or discharge of (1) items listed in Florida Statute 791.01(4) (fireworks) using explosive or combustible compounds (2) flares: and the use of outdoor burning devices (excluding attended and monitored barbeque/cooking equipment); shall be prohibited throughout Lafayette County during the period of this order. Cooperation between the Florida Forest Service and Lafayette County will remain constant. This order will be reviewed every 7 days for continuance or withdrawal. In the absence of significant drought changes that are in favor, the order remains intact throughout its lawful period until conditions are safe.

- 1) All outdoor burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimeneas, and cooking fires within Lafayette County if prohibited unless: a) authorized by the Florida Forest Service; or b) for the cooking of food exclusively within a contained gas or charcoal grill.
- 2) The setting of fires to any grass, brush, or forest covered land, unless authorized by the Florida Forest Service, shall constitute a violation of law.

If a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any provision of this Order, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Order, which shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.

This state of local emergency and ban may be modified in whole part, extended or terminated on recommendation of Director of Emergency Management after consulting with qualified weather forecasting officials of the State of Florida, Florida Forest Service, the Sheriff of Lafayette County, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Order will become effective immediately and shall expire 7 days from issuance unless extended as stated above as threat of wildfire and/or weather situations dictate.

DONE AND ORDERED this 25th day of November, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners
Lafayette County, Florida

By: 
Anthony Adams, Chairman

Attest:


Steve Land
Clerk of Court

