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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Davison County Residents

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On August 7, 2012 Davison County adopted an Ordinance for the Regulation of Open Burning During Fire Danger Emergencies, pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20 (18) and consistent with SDCL 34-29B-11.1. When weather or other conditions exist which may make open burning unduly hazardous, the Davison County Board of Commissioners may prohibit or restrict open burning after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials in order to protect the public health and safety.

On March 24, 2015 the Davison County Commissioners acted by Resolution #032415-01 declaring a Fire Danger Emergency prohibiting burning in Davison County, until such time as the Resolution declaring the Fire Danger Emergency shall be rescinded or amended.

Any person in violation of this Resolution shall be subject to a maximum penalty of thirty (30) days in jail, a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine, or both.

According to the Resolution, residents may still burn:

- Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves
- Fireplaces within all buildings
- Charcoal grill fires at private residences
- Permanent fire pits or fire grates located on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds (which would include a private back yard fire pit)
- Fire department approved private or public fireworks displays with fire suppression standby services

According to the Resolution, residents may not burn:

- Any outdoor fire (which would include burn barrels and garbage burn pits)
- Campfires
- Warning fires
- Charcoal grill fires (larger than private residence)
- Prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wild lands, trash and debris.
- Fireworks not supervised or approved by a Fire Department

If you have any questions regarding this matter you can reach the Emergency Management Office at 605-995-8640 or email at jeffb@davisoncounty.org.

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