

**Davison County Resolution # 022426-02**  
**Resolution to Provide for Temporary Emergency**  
**Regulation of Fire Hazards in Davison County**

**Whereas**, Davison County is experiencing very dry conditions due to the lack of moisture, high winds, and above normal temperatures that have been experienced in recent weeks; and

**Whereas**, Davison County is dedicated in taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County; and

**Whereas**, the Davison County Emergency Management Office has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement officials in regard to the severity of this issue; and

**Whereas**, unduly hazardous fire conditions now exist in Davison County; and

**Whereas**, due to several fires in surrounding areas there is a lack of mutual aid and fire - fighting man power; and

**Whereas**, for purposes of this resolution, “open burning” shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warning fires, charcoal grill fires, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wild lands, trash and debris, and use of any fireworks except for fire department approved private or public displays with advance arrangements for standby fire suppression services, but EXCLUDING fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within all buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences, and fire pits or fire grates located at private residences or on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds; and contained fires inside barrels used for burning trash so long as such barrels have fire screens to prohibit the escape of embers and fly ash are continuously monitored and attended, and have an adequate water supply nearby; and

**Whereas**, an ordinance for the regulation of open burning during fire danger emergencies by resolution was passed August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Davison County Board of Commissioners, in order to protect the public health and safety pursuant the Regulation of Open Burning During Fire Danger Emergencies Ordinance passed August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, hereby imposes:

- a ban prohibiting and restricting open burning as defined above, such ban to include, but not be limited to,
    - any outdoor fire,
    - campfires,
    - warning fires,
    - charcoal grill fires other than at a private residence,
    - burning of fence rows, fields, or wild lands,
    - burning any trash or debris,
    - all fireworks, except for fire department approved private or public displays with advance arrangements for standby fire suppression services,
    - all subject to the exceptions set forth in the open burning definition set forth above;
- and

**Be it further resolved** that the ban set forth above will be in effect until further resolution of the Davison County Board of Commissioners.

Dated at Mitchell, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

Randy Reider  
Randy Reider, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathy Wingert  
Kathy Wingert, Auditor

