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SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

JASPER COUNTY ANNOUNCES COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN DUE TO ELEVATED FIRE DANGER

Carthage, Mo. – Jasper County Commissioners are announcing a **burn ban effective September 1, 2026** due to dry conditions and an increased risk of wildfire and uncontrolled outdoor fires.

Under the burn ban, **outdoor burning is prohibited throughout Jasper County**, including the burning of brush, leaves, grass, trash, and other combustible materials.

Residents are urged to take the ban seriously. Dry vegetation can ignite quickly, and fires can spread rapidly, particularly when accompanied by warm temperatures, low humidity, or windy conditions.

Residents should:

- Not conduct outdoor burning while the ban is in effect.
- Not burn leaves, brush, trash, or other yard waste.
- Avoid activities that could unintentionally ignite dry vegetation.
- Use extreme caution with equipment that produces heat, sparks, or open flames.
- Make sure any previously authorized fire is completely extinguished.

The burn ban will remain in effect **until September 30, 2026 or until conditions improve and the ban is officially lifted.**

Residents should monitor official Jasper County communications for updates regarding the burn ban and any changes to restrictions.

For emergencies or to report an active fire, **call 911.**

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Jasper County was established as a governmental entity on January 29, 1841. The mission of the Jasper County Government is to serve the residents of Jasper County, Missouri by delivering essential public services in a lawful, transparent, and fiscally responsible manner. We do this while promoting the quality of life, health, and safety of the community. We are committed to:

- Administering county services fairly, consistently, and in accordance with federal and Missouri state law
- Upholding ethical standards and accountability in the stewardship of public resources
- Providing responsive, professional, and courteous service to the public
- Supporting a safe, respectful, and inclusive workplace for employees
- Respecting the statutory roles and responsibilities of elected officials while promoting countywide consistency

Through collaboration, professionalism, and respect for the public trust, Jasper County employees work together to meet the needs of the community and to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to county government.

For additional information contact the Jasper County Commission Office at 417-358-0421 or scloyd@jaspercountymo.gov.

Jasper County Commission

Ordinance 06-03

Jasper County Burning Ban Ordinance

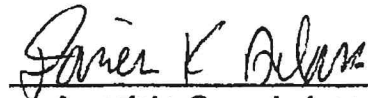
1. Pursuant to Section 192.300 RSMo et. seq., the Jasper County Commission may order a countywide burning ban when it determines that outdoor conditions are such that the public health of Jasper County residents may be threatened by outdoor burning. The County Commission may order the countywide burning ban for an indeterminate period of time up 180 days at one time without further action by the commission. The County Commission may dissolve a countywide burning ban order anytime it determines that the risk to public health is no longer threatened by outdoor burning.
2. The term "outdoor burning" as used in this ordinance is meant to include any type of burning out of doors that is caused by human endeavor. The term "outdoor burning" would include, but is not limited to the following: burning trash, burning fields, burning fence rows, burning debris, burning right-of-way, burning building material and the discarding lit cigarettes, lit cigars and lit pipe materials.
3. Immediately after a countywide burning ban is passed by the County Commission, the County Clerk shall provide copies of the burning ban order to the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, Jasper County Health Department, local news media and the fire districts in the county.
4. Any person, firm, corporation or association (who) which violates any such burning ban is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be prosecuted, tried and fined as otherwise provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26 DAY OF JANUARY, 2006.

Passed: _____ Approved: _____

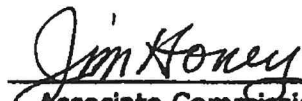


Presiding Commissioner

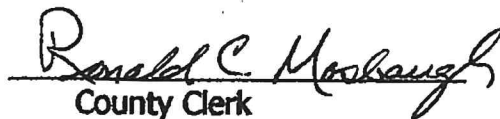


Associate Commissioner

ATTEST:



Associate Commissioner



County Clerk

BE IT REMEMBERED that on final passage of this ordinance, the roll call vote for approval was the following persons voting "Aye": Surface, Honey, Adams and the following voting "Nay": none.