

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION 12 - 22

**STATE OF DISASTER
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND BURN BAN FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commission, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, may declare a state of local disaster emergency upon a finding that a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within such County.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the grassland and crop-land of Kansas form an important part of our economy, and provide for the forage for livestock, refuge for wildlife, and recreational opportunities.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the extremely dry and hot weather conditions with significantly below average precipitation and above average temperatures have created an extreme fire hazard for the County.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the threat of wildfires endangers the safety of the residents, along with the real and personal property, and visitors in these areas. Fires have been reported throughout the county and have caused substantial damage. Once started, these fires are difficult to control and strain both paid and volunteer fire department manpower and resources. The fire danger is "extreme" in this county. The dry conditions, above normal temperatures and fire danger will continue unabated until sufficient rainfall occurs across the area.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
THE BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**

That the following resolution regulating open fires within Franklin County, Kansas is hereby adopted and shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in the official county newspaper.

It is hereby proclaimed, directed and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Kansas, that the following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of the County and by all citizens and visitors:

1. Careless use of smoking materials, including cigarettes, cigars and smoking pipes. Discard shall be in a manner to preclude threat from smoldering remains.
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire or camp fire except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or barbecue grills in developed recreational sites or residential lawns.
3. Prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, wild lands, ravines, trash and debris.

The knowing and willful violation of this order shall constitute a Class A Misdemeanor and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as provided by law. (K.S.A. 48-939)

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect until further action of the Board of County Commissioners.

Effective upon adoption and publication in the official county paper.

Passed and adopted in regular session this 25th day of July 2012.

/s/ David J Hood
David J. Hood
Chairman

Attested and Recorded, this 25th day of July 2012.

/s/ Shari Perry
Shari Perry
County Clerk