



**2020 FIRE EMERGENCY AND
AUTOMATIC BURN BAN
For
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

April 15, 2020

WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota has endured extremely dry conditions since 2018; is experiencing increasingly dry conditions this year, has a high volume of vegetative fuels available; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota has sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date, and Williams County Office of Emergency Management has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Williams County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Williams County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Automatic Burn Ban to include a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, burning of farm or crop land, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel remain in effect whenever the Fire Danger Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Williams County, North Dakota. Additionally, burning will be allowed with a Low or Moderate Fire Danger Rating or upon approval of the local Fire response authority having jurisdiction over the designated area in Williams County, North Dakota until April 21, 2020. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1.10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1500.00 FINE).**

DATED at Williston, North Dakota this 15th day of April, 2020.

Steve Kemp, Commission Chairman
Williams County Commission

Attest:

Beth Innis
Williams County Auditor

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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