

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 10, 2024

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz. Excused - Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Dan Young, Fire Marshal.

SPECIAL MEETING

BURN BAN

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to consider a request from the County Fire Marshal to declare a Burn Ban.

Dan Young, Fire Marshal stated that with the dry conditions are in the 95th percentile according to the energy release components and there are concerns we won't be able to continue containing the little fires that have popped up. He stated that the County is experiencing the risks of wild land fires at an elevated level. He stated that he met with the Fire Chiefs earlier today and they are in collective agreement to request implementation of a Countywide Burn Ban effective Saturday July 13, 2024, to encompass Upper Kittitas County from Elk Heights to Snoqualmie Pass to begin at 0001 hours on Saturday July 13, 2024.

He stated that effective Tuesday July 9, 2024, the burn ban went into effect for the areas of Lower Kittitas County (Elk Heights and east to the Columbia River). This includes Kittitas County Fire District #1 (Thorp/Elk Heights), Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue (surrounding Ellensburg/Kittitas area), and Kittitas County Fire District #4 (Vantage) jurisdictions.

The burn ban will prohibit opening burning. Opening burning, also known as pile or debris burning, is defined as ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, branches, litter, paper, vegetative matter, or other debris) outdoors. He stated the use of propane, gas stoves, charcoal briquette grills/smokers, are not prohibited under this burn ban. He explained that campfires are allowed in fire rings that confine and contain the campfire in a designated and approved campground.

RESOLUTION 2024-126

OUTDOOR BURN BAN

FIRE MARSHAL


Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-126, a Resolution Declaring a Ban on Outdoor Burning. Chairman Wachsmith seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting concluded at 2:04 p.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman