

ST. JOHNS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017- 1

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUSPENDING THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 2017-23 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE CHIEF.

WHEREAS, due to weather conditions including lack of substantial rainfall, high temperatures, worsening drought, and systems with significant wind, which have considerably enhanced the potential for and spread of wildfires within St. Johns County, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners enacted St. Johns County Ordinance 2017-23 (the Burn Ban Ordinance), which prohibits the discharge of fireworks and open burning within St. Johns County for 90 days; and

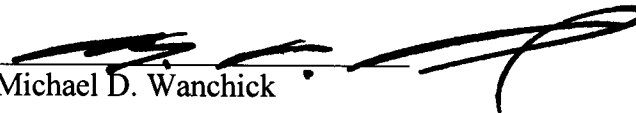
WHEREAS, Section 6.A of the Burn Ban Ordinance provides that the County Administrator shall have the authority to remove in writing specific types of activities otherwise banned by the ordinance upon the recommendation of the Fire Rescue Chief; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated June 5, 2017, attached hereto and incorporated herein, the St. Johns County Fire Rescue Chief recommended suspension of the burn ban due to drought conditions and the threat of wild fires being alleviated through rainfall or other weather conditions.

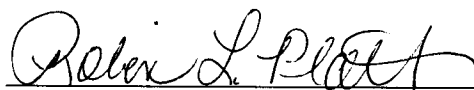
NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 6 of St. Johns County Ordinance 2017-23, it is **ORDERED** that the prohibitions contained in Section 2 of the Burn Ban Ordinance (the Burn Ban Prohibitions) are hereby suspended. St. Johns County Fire Rescue shall continue to closely monitor fire conditions and weather. If fire conditions and weather are such that reinstatement of the Burn Ban Prohibitions is warranted, the Burn Ban Prohibitions may be reinstated upon written recommendation of the Fire Marshal as provided in Section 6.B of the Burn Ban Ordinance.

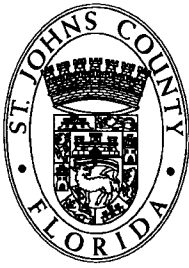
DONE and ORDERED this 5th day of June, 2017.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Michael D. Wanchick

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk



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I N T E R O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
FROM: C. A. Shank, Fire Rescue Chief
SUBJECT: Burn Ban
DATE: June 5th, 2017

St. Johns County established through Emergency Order No. 2017-1 a burn ban for St. Johns County and incorporated areas within, prohibiting the discharge of fireworks and open burning for a period of 7 days beginning on May 9th, 2017. On May 16th, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners revised the burn ban (Ordinance No. 2017-23) to be effected for a period of 90 days, effective through August 14th, 2017.

Section 5.B of this ordinance grants the County Administrator the authority to terminate (or suspend) in writing at an earlier date upon determination that current drought conditions and the threat of wild fires, as defined in Section 590.015, Florida Statutes, have been sufficiently alleviated through rainfall or other weather conditions.

After careful consideration of current conditions, please find the following update and recommended action:

1. The Florida Forest Service has as of 6/2/17 begun to issue authorizations to certified pile burners after on-site inspection.
2. Florida Forest Service fire behavior analysts have approved of these authorizations.
3. Weather patterns have remained favorable to include low winds, high humidity, and high chance of rain for the 15 day period.
4. 100% of St. Johns County is 400 or less in the KBDI range, indicating high to moderate moisture content. The overall mean KBDI average as of 6/2 is 182 on a scale of 0 (wet) to 800 (dry).
5. Florida Forest Service and St. Johns County Fire Rescue wildland fire resources remain in a ready state to respond to wildland fire.

Recommended Action

St. Johns County Fire Rescue officials, in consultation with Florida Forest Service/Bunnell District, do not consider that current conditions warrant the continuation of the local state of emergency. Both agencies will continue to strictly enforce all existing laws and regulations as it relates to outdoor burning and other activity, and will continue to closely monitor fire conditions and weather, which could require the ban to be reinstated at a later date. The recommended action is to suspend the burn ban as enacted.