

**MEADE COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2024-05**

OPEN FIRE BURN BAN

WHEREAS, Meade County has a substantial amount of vegetation and timbered property, increasing the potential fuel for a fire; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) § 7-8-20(18) authorizes the Meade County Commission to prohibit or restrict open burning, after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials, in order to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, Open Fire: Means any outdoor fire including campfire, that is not contained within a fully enclosed fire box or structure from which the products of combustion are emitted directly to the open atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney. Open Fire shall not include Charcoal Grills, Liquid Fuel Grills and Burn Barrel as described by Ordinance #27; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Meade County Commissioners, pursuant to SDCL § 7-18A-8, hereby deem it necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety to adopt the restrictions set forth in this Resolution and it is the intent of the Meade County Board of Commissioners that the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Meade County enact this Resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit Open Fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Open Fire Ban will be in place until fire conditions improve to moderate or low according to the National Weather Service, or the Meade County Commission takes action to remove the ban.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2024

Board of Meade County Commissioners



Gary Deering, Chairman

Attest:



Rhea Crane, Auditor

