



**SEMINOLE COUNTY, FL (March 29, 2017)** — Today, Seminole County Fire Department and Seminole County Office of Emergency Management enacted a countywide Burn Ban in accordance with County Code, Section. 85.24:

*When dry weather conditions result in a Keetch Byran Drought Index reading at 500 or higher, a prohibition on all open burning in Seminole County, as defined in Section 85.26 of this Code, will take effect upon the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners signing an Executive Order. The burn ban will not apply to burning done by, or under the direct supervision of, authorized County or municipal personnel or with the authorization of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Services.*

*The burn ban prohibition will continue to be in effect in seven (7) day increments for as long as the Keetch Byran Drought Index is at or above 500, unless rescinded as provided in this Section.*

*This burn ban prohibition will be lifted after the Keetch Byran Drought Index has fallen below 500 for at least seven (7) consecutive days, or weather conditions allow for the rescinding of the Executive Order.*

*The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may enter an Executive Order rescinding the burn ban if forecasted weather conditions will safely allow such a rescission.*

*If the Keetch Byran Drought Index falls below 500 for at least seven (7) consecutive days or the weather conditions call for the rescinding of the Executive Order, and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is unavailable, the Chief Administrator of Emergency Management is delegated the authority to rescind the Executive Order with notification to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager.*

*Seminole County Fire Marshals and Law Enforcement are authorized to enforce the Burn Ban.*

The countywide, mandatory Burn Ban prohibits all outdoor burning that has not been specifically permitted by the Florida Forest Service. Bon fires, campfires, and the burning of vegetative (yard) debris is not allowed at this time.

The Burn Ban shall remain in effect until further notice. Any person who violates the Burn Ban can be punished either by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 60 days or a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by both.

For additional information, please call the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management, 407-665-5102. To report violation of the Burn Ban, please call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 407-665-6650.

[This release is also available on our website.](#)

**For further information, please contact:**

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or phrase and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; providing, however, that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Ordinance shall not be codified.

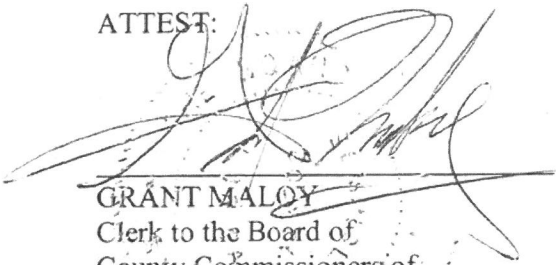
**Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that such invalidity will not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This Ordinance will take effect upon filing a copy of this Ordinance with the Department of State by the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, this

<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup>  
14 day of Mar., 20 17.

ATTEST:



GRANT MALOY  
Clerk to the Board of  
County Commissioners of  
Seminole County, Florida

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA



JOHN HORAN, Chairman

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March 23, 2017

Honorable Grant Maloy  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Seminole County  
County Commission Records  
1101 E. First Street, Room 2204  
Sanford, Florida 32771

Attention: Kyla Spencer

Dear Mr. Maloy:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy for Seminole County Ordinance No. 2017-8, which was filed in this office on March 23, 2017.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Reddick  
Program Administrator

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