



Escambia County Fire Rescue

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Order of Prohibition (Fire Safety)

Whereas, Escambia County has experienced significant impacts from Hurricane Sally, resulting in increased fuels from storm debris, and adverse medical conditions when open burns are conducted result in respiratory problems; and

Whereas the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Escambia County Fire Rescue Fire Chief hereby finds that the circumstances present in Escambia County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

Whereas, Escambia County Public Safety, fire/rescue division and Emergency Management division support the implementation of a County-wide burn ban; and

Whereas, Escambia County Ordinance 2000-21, Art. II, Sec. 50-1 provides for the prohibition of the use of fireworks or open burning.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by chapter 50, Article II, Section 50-1(a) of the Escambia County Code of Ordinance, the following activities are hereby prohibited in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County: the carrying out of open burning (to include but not limited to campfires, bonfires, trash burning and other similar forms of incineration).

The following activities are exempt from this order: state permitted burns, fire department training, authorized fireworks displays and fireworks sales which are authorized by state law, and outdoor cooking in barbecue grills, smokers, or other outdoor stoves located at private residences and businesses.

This prohibition shall remain in effect until terminated by public notice issued by the Fire Chief of Escambia County Fire Rescue when taking the following into consideration; Significant reduction of fuel load and the fire-borne threat otherwise has ended.



Jon P. Williams, Interim Fire Chief
Escambia County Fire Rescue