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Resolution 2008BCC29, "Ban Of Open Fires Within Unincorporated Areas of Morgan County" was passed by the Board of County Commissioners on July 22nd. This will remain in effect until further notice.

"Open fires" is defined as: any open burning, including camp and cooking fires; except smoking, except within an enclosed building or vehicle. The following activities are hereby deemed to be "open fires" and are therefore subject to this ban:

- A. Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire to burn trash, debris, fence rows, or vegetation, any campfire, warming fire, or charcoal grill, except in a fireplace or grill designed for such fires.
- B. Lighting of fireworks of any kind.
- C. Disposing of any burning material or material hot enough to cause the ignition of weeds or grass such as cigarette or cigar butts or hot coals except in a fireproof receptacle designed for such disposal.

Open fires shall not include:

- 1) Fires in camp stoves or grills, fueled by bottled gas or pressurized liquid fuels, and specifically designed for cooking or heating purposes.
- 2) Fires in permanently constructed stationary masonry or metal fireplaces or grates specifically designed for the purposes of combustion.
- 3) Fires in commercially operated wood and/or charcoal fired grills designed for cooking.

Exemptions are:

- A. Persons with a valid permit from the Morgan County Sheriff that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- B. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- C. Any fires contained within a liquid fuel or gas stove, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal or propane grill fires at private residences.
- D. Burning of irrigation ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands, or fallowed fields, where such burning is necessary for crop survival.
- E. Campfires or bonfires required on religious ceremonies, and for which a valid written permit has been granted in advance by the Morgan County Sheriff.
- F. The burning of household or other trash except when contained within a fireproof container sufficiently maintained to prevent escaping flame or burning material from the bottom or sides and screened sufficiently on top to prevent the release of burning material and located in the center of an area at least ten feet (10') in diameter from which all flammable material has been removed.