

McHenry County Emergency Management

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FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN DECLARATION

FOR

MCHENRY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, McHenry County North Dakota has the potential of having abnormally dry conditions compiled with high winds which could result in an increased potential for rural fires; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being and safety of citizens in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response in the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available McHenry County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of McHenry County Commissioners issue a Fire Emergency Declaration and Burn Ban to include garbage/pit burning, burning of debris, burning of farmland, cropland and/or ditches, and the use of fire to demolish structures when the North Dakota Fire Danger Index is in the "High, Very High or Extreme" Index and/or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued for McHenry County; Also banning, recreational burning whenever the Fire Danger Index rating is "Very High or Extreme" and/or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued for McHenry County. This Ban, however this does not ban the use of grills or commercially sold enclosed firepits, but it is required that grills or enclosed fire devices be on a hard non-organic surface and be a minimum of 15 feet away from any dry vegetation when the Fire Danger Index is Very High, or Extreme. The use of Fireworks is banned when the Fire Index Rating is "Very High or Extreme" or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued. This ban will be in effect when the North Dakota Fire Danger Index is in the "High, Very High or Extreme" Index and/or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued for McHenry County, North Dakota expiring on November 30th, 2022.

The daily Rangeland Fire Index can be found at the following website: www.ndresponse.gov

Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum penalties for a Class B Misdemeanor are up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1500.00 fine.

Dated this 1st Day of November, 2022 at Towner- McHenry County, ND.



McHenry County Auditor



McHenry County Commissioner