RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF GARVIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 2026

WHEREAS: The Garvin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statues, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Garvin County. The situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B.1 a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal managers and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

WHEREAS: By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop, or other wild lands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass range, crop or other wild land fires.

WHEREAS: Any law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this resolution. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

WHEREAS: Certain exceptions are attached to this resolution by Garvin County.

FOR EQUIPMENT RELATED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: Equipment which uses propane or other controlled-type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it would be prudent to have a water pumper on standby any time this equipment is used near a grassy right of way.

WELDING / CUTTING TORCH / GRINDING ACTIVITIES: When conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding; (1) blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; (2) wind speeds must be less than 20 mph; and (3) a fire watcher, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING: Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited; LPG and natural gas grills and charcoal-fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

OILFIELD AND LANDFILL ACTIVITIES: Gas vents and flares associated with the extraction of oil and gas are generally considered exempt as long as the top of the vent pipe is raised well above the surrounding vegetation. Sludge pits are covered under the ban and should not be burned while it is in effect. Fire training exercises within confines of refinery boundaries shall be exempt.

PRESCRIBED BURNS: Agricultural producers burning cropland, rangeland, forests or pastures as a preferred method of managing their property MUST follow Oklahoma Forestry Services guidelines as outlined in Section 16-26.4, Title 2, O.S.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That, the Garvin County Board of Commissioners has now made this COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN effective immediately for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This burn ban may be removed at any time during the fourteen (14) day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Garvin County Commissioners on the 17th day of February, 2026

Mike Gollihare, Chairman

Attest: Lori Fulks, County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK GARVIN COUNTY, OK

Randy Chandler, Vice-Chairman

Tom Pyle, Member