

Attention

Day County Residents

In an effort to control grassland and wild land fires within the county, the Day County Board of Commissioners have declared a **Fire Emergency** for all of Day County.

This declaration means that all open burning is prohibited without a permit.

Permits are available at the Day County Sheriff's Office in Webster. Permits can be issued over the phone by calling 345-3222.

The permits are FREE of charge. The permit system will allow the county to better control when and where fires are started within the county.

Cities and towns within the county have their own ordinances on burning within the corporate limits of the city and town, and those regulations remain in effect for those locations.

It is permissible to use burning barrels and similar containers if precautions are taken to prevent the escape of hot ashes, cinders, sparks or flame by using a grate over the burning barrel.

Parks and recreation areas controlled by the state of South Dakota are using their own discretion on allowing campfires at their facilities. They have been issuing their own burning permits and will advise campers of the park's policy.

**Wes Williams,
Day County Emergency Management Director
Day County Sheriff's Office**

ORDINANCE # 03-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO DECLARE A FIRE DANGER EMERGENCY AND
TO PROHIBIT OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a lawful purpose of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Day, to enact ordinances to protect and promote the general welfare, health, and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL §7-8-33 the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Day may, by ordinance, allow for the declaration and abatement of public nuisances within the County outside the corporate limit of any municipality; and

WHEREAS, from time to time weather and other conditions may exist which make the open burning of any substance unduly hazardous and a danger to public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by Day County:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

OPEN BURNING: The intentional burning of any substance, whether natural or manmade, or the intentional casting off of any burning substance, whether natural or manmade, except the burning of such substance in a container sufficient so as to prohibit the escape of any of the burning substance, or any sparks, flames, or hot ashes from the container. The escape of any of such burning substance, or the escape of any sparks, flames, or hot ashes from any such container shall be deemed prima facie evidence that the container was insufficient so as to meet the exception from the definition of an open burning set forth herein. The maintaining of a fire in any interior fireplace, stove, or furnace is specifically excluded from the definition of an open burning as contemplated by this ordinance.

PERSON: Any individual, partnership, firm, association, municipality, public or private corporation, state, tribe, nation, political subdivision, trust, estate, or any other legal entity, including any officer or governing or managing body thereof.

PRIOR WRITTEN PERMIT: A written permit specifically authorizing the open burning obtained from the local Fire Chief having authority

for such area which permit must also be approved by the Day County Sheriff. Such permit shall be on a form approved by the Day County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY TO DECLARE FIRE DANGER EMERGENCY.

- A. When weather or other conditions shall exist which may make the open burning of any substance unduly hazardous and a danger to public safety, the Day County Board of Commissioners may by resolution declare a "fire danger emergency".
- B. If a "fire danger emergency" be declared, all open burning of any substance without a prior written permit shall be prohibited within any or all of the unincorporated areas of Day County until such time as the resolution declaring the "fire danger emergency" shall have been rescinded by appropriate action of the Day County Board of Commissioners; and
- C. Any person who shall create, commit, maintain, or permit to be created, committed, or maintained, an open burning without a prior written permit in violation of a resolution declaring a "fire danger emergency" shall be deemed to have committed the offense of Unlawful Burning in violation of the Ordinance, and subject to all criminal and civil penalties provided for herein.

SECTION 3. PENALTY AND REMEDY.

- A. Penalty. A violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00), or thirty (30) days in jail, or both for each offense. Each and every day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. In addition, a violation of the Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance and in addition to all other remedies provided herein, the State's Attorney may, by civil process, seek permanent abatement of said nuisance pursuant to SDCL Chapter 21-8.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.


If any provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not

affect any other provisions of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

FIRST READING: Tuesday, May 15, 2001 10:15 A.M.

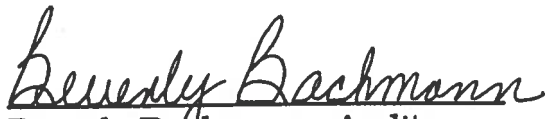
SECOND READING: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 10:15 a.m.

ADOPTED: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 10:15 A.M.



Darrell Hildebrant, Chairman
Day County Commission

ATTEST:



Beverly Bachmann, Auditor

(SEAL)

OPEN BURNING PERMIT

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: _____

DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE OPEN BURNING AND PROVIDE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION/LOCATION OF THE OPEN BURNING AND DESCRIBE THE PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF FIRE:

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date Received: _____

Signature of Fire Chief

Date Approved: _____

Signature of Fire Chief

Date Received: _____

Signature of Day County Sheriff

Date Approved: _____

Signature of Day County Sheriff

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT: _____

