

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington

IN THE MATTER OF)
ESTABLISHING OUTDOOR BURNING)
RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE UN-) RESOLUTION # 07715
INCORPORATED AREAS OF)
Klickitat County)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, and having before it the need to establish outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, Klickitat County Code Chapter 8.24 (Ordinance #041194) adopted April 11, 1994, provides a procedure for regulating outdoor burning ("outdoor burning" means combustion of any type in an open fire or open container) within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County which allows flexibility and coordination between the various fire authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is the primary fire control authority in those areas of Klickitat County outside the corporate limits of any city or town; the boundaries of any fire district, the jurisdiction of the Yakama Indian Nation; and the jurisdiction of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board may, by resolution, restrict outdoor burning in the areas of its primary authority in any manner the Board, in its sound discretion, determines reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Board is the secondary fire control authority in all areas of Klickitat County outside the corporate limits of any city or town where the Board is not the primary authority. In any secondary authority area where the Board finds that the public safety is threatened by unrestricted outdoor burning and the primary authority in that area has not restricted burning or where the primary authority has requested that the Board act, the Board may restrict outdoor burning in any manner the Board, in its sound discretion, determines reasonable; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential for extreme drought conditions, fire hazards, increased fuel loads and the potential for lack of sufficient precipitation the various fire districts through the Klickitat County Interagency Fire Association have requested that an outdoor burn ban be adopted within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County to be in effect from June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Klickitat County hereby places into effect a ban on outdoor burning outside the corporate limits of any city or town; the jurisdiction of the Yakama Indian Nation; and the jurisdiction of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and prohibiting the issuance of burning permits except for authorized agricultural burning. Attended camp fires will be allowed in the Mt. Adams Guler County Park in Trout Lake, Washington within the designated 8 foot cleared area with steel fire rings (rock rings are not allowed), however, the County and/or the Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to ban at any time all campfires within the Park during periods of extreme fire danger or during Industrial Fire

Precaution Level. Residential barbecues will be allowed. At the discretion of the Fire Chief, Fire Protection Districts are exempt from this ban for the purposes of live fire training activities. Said burn ban shall be in full force and effect from June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. The public is directed to check with the appropriate authorities concerning burning restrictions within the corporate limits of any city or town.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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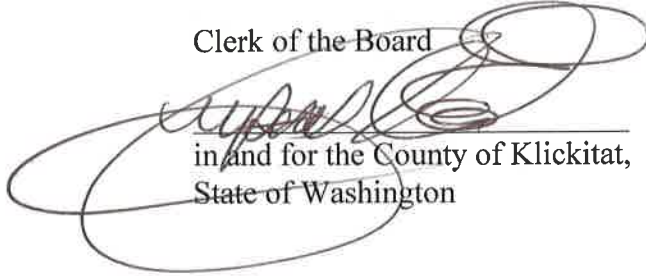

Rex F. Johnston, Chairman


David M. Sauter, Commissioner


Jim Sizemore, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board


in and for the County of Klickitat,
State of Washington