

AMENDED - FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN
GRANT COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
September 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Grant County Commissioners recognize that current and forecasted dry weather conditions, combined with ample vegetation, creates a combustible formula for unnecessary fire loss and presents a risk for the citizens and property in Grant County, North Dakota; 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 Grant County's citizens; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners amends the current Fire Emergency and Burn Ban for Grant County, North Dakota. This Fire Emergency and Burn Ban declaration is in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Index Rating is in the Moderate, High, Very High, or Extreme category and or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Grant County, North Dakota and effective from September 15, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.

What's Not Allowed: Open Burning: Includes burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage pits, construction debris, fallen trees, crop residue or hay land, sloughs, and campfires or bonfires.

What's Allowed: Controlled devices to including gas, charcoal, or wood-fired grills, patio fireplaces, gas camp stoves, and smokers and closely monitored private small burn barrels that are located on a hard, non-organic surface and 15' away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

Exceptions: Local fire chiefs may provide an exemption for a prohibited activity under the **What's Not Allowed** category by written notice for specified date and location.

Any prior Fire Emergency and Burn Ban(s) issued by Grant County are rescinded and replaced by this ban. This ban will be reviewed periodically as drought and weather conditions change.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN BAN IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND \$1,500 FINE).

Signed at Carson, North Dakota this 15th day of September, 2021.

Alton Zenker
Grant County Commission Chair

Attest: Sara Meier
Grant County Auditor

