



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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**Public Hearing
Agenda Item**

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
and
County Commissioners

FROM: Otto Drozd III, Fire Chief
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THROUGH: George Ralls M.D.
Deputy County Administrator

DATE: February 6, 2018

RE: Public Hearing for Board Meeting on February 6, 2018
Approval of an Ordinance Affecting Fire Prevention and Protection in Orange County; Amending Chapter 18, Orange County Code by Creating Section 18-4 Establishing a Burn Ban; Providing for Burn Ban Activation, Deactivation, Applicability, Enforcement, and Penalties; Amending Section 18-32 ("Florida Fire Prevention Code") by Removing Local Amendments; Amending Section 18-34 ("Board of Adjustments and Appeals") by Removing the Reference to the Advisory Board Ordinance from the Board of Adjustments and Appeals Eligibility Requirements; and Providing for an Effective Date.

I. EXPLANATION & SUMMARY:

The proposed ordinance relates to fire safety within Orange County, and modifies Chapter 18 of County code, Fire Prevention and Protection. The triannual adoption of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Sixth Edition on December 31st, 2017 necessitated a review of the current ordinance to ensure it was updated and relevant. The proposed draft language includes adoption of the State Fire Code by the local government upon the triannual state adoption. The indicated modifications relate to changes in the State Fire Code and referenced standards. A new section proposes a burn ban designed to reduce the risk of wildfires during periods of drought conditions. This burn ban is similar to the ones that neighboring counties implement.

Please contact Bruce Faust, Fire Marshal at (407) 836-8301 with any questions.

II. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AFFECTING FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION IN ORANGE COUNTY; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ORANGE COUNTY CODE BY CREATING SECTION 18-4 ESTABLISHING A BURN BAN; PROVIDING FOR BURN BAN ACTIVATION, DEACTIVATION, APPLICABILITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 18-32 ("FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE") BY REMOVING LOCAL AMENDMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 18-34 ("BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS") BY REMOVING THE REFERENCE TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attachment

c: Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator