Board of County Commissioners

Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

February 20, 2018

Presentation Overview

- Establishment of a Burn Ban
- Adoption of the 6th Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code
- Board Action Requested

Burn Ban: Establishment

- Background
- Creates a county “Burn Ban” Ordinance
- Automatic Activation Upon Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI) Reaches 500
- Consistent with neighboring Counties (Brevard, Lake, Seminole, and Osceola)
- Automatically Deactivates when KBDI is Below 500 for 7 Consecutive Days
- Provides for public notice, enforcement, penalties.

Burn Ban: Required Notice (1 of 2)

- Enforcement of Burn Ban does not take effect until Required Notice is given to the public.
- Upon activation and deactivation of a Burn Ban, Fire Rescue shall immediately notify the Communications Division.

Burn Ban: Required Notice (2 of 2)

- The Communications Division shall then use the following resources to notify the public:
  - Press releases through broadcast media, radio, and local television network, and posted on the County's website.
  - Orange TV
  - Utilize all County social media platforms
  - Admin. Regulation for Citizen Communication (5.02.02)

Burn Ban: Enforcement; Penalties

Neighboring Counties:

County	Penalty
Brevard County	Code Enforcement Action; and/or fine not to exceed $500.00 and up to 60 days in jail or both.
Lake County	Code Enforcement Action; and/or “any applicable costs” involved in extinguishing the fires, with a minimum cost of one hundred and fifty dollars per incident.
Osceola County	Code Enforcement Action; and/or maximum civil penalty of $500.00 per violation.
Seminole County	Code Enforcement Action; and/or fine not to exceed $500.00 and up to 60 days in jail or both.

Our Proposed:

Orange County	Code Enforcement Action (“irreparable/irreversible” if extinguishing of fires necessary); and/or maximum civil penalty of $500.00 per violation.

Florida Fire Prevention Code

- Adoption of the 6th Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code
  - 2015 Editions of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1, Fire Code and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code
  - Removes Local Amendments that have been Incorporated into National and State Codes
  - Language Adjustments to Fire & Life Safety Code Board of Appeals

Requested Action

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.

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