

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, DECLARING AN OPEN AIR BURNING BAN.**

**WHEREAS**, at the recommendation of the Forester for Dorchester County and due to the extreme heat and near drought-like conditions, the Dorchester County Council has placed an open air burning ban in effect for all of Dorchester County, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, open air burning is defined as a fire where any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator, or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney; and

**WHEREAS**, all open air burning is prohibited in Dorchester County with the exception of the following:

- (1) gas or charcoal grills.
- (2) the supervised burning of buildings or solid liquid, or gaseous fuels conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors at a training center organized by a fire department.
- (3) any other supervised burning conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified fire instructors or a fire chief, captain or fire line officer of a fire department that has fire jurisdiction over the area where the supervised burning occurs.

**WHEREAS**, the effective date of this Resolution shall be Sunday, July 31, 2011 at 8:00 AM and shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County; this open air burn ban shall remain in effect until rescinded by action of the County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, any person violating the open air burning ban is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such violation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, by virtue of this resolution, do hereby declare an open air burning ban to promote the peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Dorchester County, Maryland.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2011.**

ATTEST:

  
 Jane Baynard, County Manager

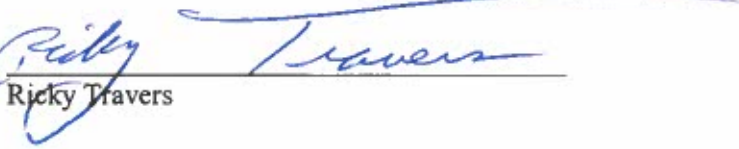
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