

ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 10

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FIRE HAZARDS

WHEREAS, Putnam County, Indiana is immediately threatened by a natural disaster, specifically County wide drought conditions, and;

WHEREAS, as of the 28 day of June 2012 at 10:00 hrs, we find that Putnam County to be at risk of a widespread fire hazard because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

WHEREAS, a County wide "partial" burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, we the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, declare, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which is applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary authority for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Putnam County.

We also declare that effective immediately the following activities are prohibited in Putnam County:

1. Campfires and other recreational fires, unless enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter X 10 inches high or larger;
2. Open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane;
3. The burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including such debris that results from building construction activities; and

*Burning will be allowed in burn barrels with ¼ "inch mesh top from dawn to dusk only.

Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from the grills until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.

In addition, we strongly encourage residents to attend public displays of fireworks and limit their personal use of fireworks to those that do not leave the ground and that they refrain from using aerial firework devices.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions and particularly to Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

All Public Office and Employees of Putnam County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties, required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives whether State or Local.


All Residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

It is a Class B Misdemeanor (IC 10-14-3-34) to violate this ordinance and said ordinance will be enforced by members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

This Disaster Emergency Proclamation shall be in effect until rescinded by at least two (2) members of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this, 28 day of June 2012

Putnam County Board of Commissioners:



Kristina Warren, President
Alexander

Gene Beck, Member

Nancy Fogle, Member

Attest:

Stephanie Campbell, Putnam County Auditor