

STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 02- 12

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTROLLED  
BURN POLICY FOR STEVENS COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of STEVENS COUNTY, on the 20th day of August, 2002, a county CONTROLLED BURN POLICY is hereby ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, this resolution and control burn ban policy shall supersede any previous policies regarding the same and any previous control burn policies shall hereby be revoked and dissolved.

WHEREAS, controlled burn shall be deliberately setting a fire and controlling it until it is completely extinguished. This definition for controlled burn shall include all crops, grass, building, and trash burns or fires. As part of this controlled burn policy the burn must be attended and regulated by the person encharged of the burn at all times.

The burn is not controlled if it does not meet all of the requirements as listed below:

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN FIELD BURNING AS FOLLOWS:

1. If the fire area borders an uncut crop, other stubble fields, grass, or buildings, you are responsible to make sure the fire does not spread.
2. A tractor and some sort of plow and operator must be on site until the fire is extinguished.
3. If there is a chance the smoke will cross the highway, contact the sheriff's office for advise on traffic control.
4. Call the Sheriff's office at 544-4386 to notify of a controlled burn. Be prepared to give the name of the person in charge, the quarter section, township and range of the burn location and the driving direction from Hugoton, Moscow or both.
5. No burning can be done when a State or County burn ban is in effect.

WHEREAS, certain penalties will be assessed for not meeting these requirements.

If all requirements of this resolution are not met the party that does not meet said requirements shall be subject to a \$500.00 fine assessed by the Stevens County Commissioners, said non-complying party will be subject to litigation if said fine and all fees are not paid in appropriate manner.

WHEREAS, if a fire is called in to the fire dispatcher and the fire dispatcher and the fire department has not been notified of a controlled burn, fire units will be dispatched and the fire extinguished. The landowner/tenant will be assessed a fee according to the fee schedule listed below. If the fire gets out of control and spreads to other properties and the fire department determines that all of the requirements were not met, the landowner/tenant will be assessed the same fire fighting fees.

WHEREAS, the fee schedule shall be:

\$300 minimum per response  
\$50 per hour for each unit after the first hour.  
Reimbursement for tank truck used other than those for the fire department.

  
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Gary Baker, Chairperson

  
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David Bozone, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Stevens County

  
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Melvin Webb, Commissioner