

Village of Wappingers Falls, New York

Executive Order No. 01-2024

Subject: Temporary Burn Ban Due to Extreme Weather Conditions

Date: October 28, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Wappingers Falls has been experiencing unusually dry weather conditions, increasing the potential for fire hazards within the village limits; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and natural resources of the Village are at significant risk due to the increased danger of fire; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Village to take necessary precautions to mitigate the potential for catastrophic events and safeguard the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Huber, Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls, by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the Village Charter, hereby order the following:

1. Burn Ban Enactment

Effective immediately and until further notice, all open burning activities, including but not limited to residential brush burning, bonfires, fire pits, and any other outdoor fires, are strictly prohibited within the Village limits.

2. Exceptions

This Executive Order does not apply to:

- Charcoal grills, propane grills, and enclosed cooking devices designed specifically for outdoor cooking, provided they are operated under safe conditions.
- Activities that have received written approval from the Village Fire Department, if deemed necessary for essential functions and with adequate fire safety measures in place.

2. Enforcement and Penalties

Violation of this Executive Order may result in:

- **Civil Fines:** Individuals found in violation may be subject to civil fines as determined by applicable village and state regulations.
- **Criminal Charges:** In cases of egregious violation or instances that result in harm to persons or property, criminal charges may be pursued to the fullest extent of the law.

3. Effective Duration

This Burn Ban shall remain in effect until further notice and will be reviewed regularly in consultation with relevant fire and safety authorities to determine if conditions warrant its continuance or repeal.

The Village of Wappingers Falls appreciates the cooperation and understanding of all residents and businesses as we work together to protect our community from potential hazards.

Issued on this day, October 28, 2024, by the Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York.



Kevin Huber, Mayor

