

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING OPEN BURNING AND OTHER INCENDIARY ACTS OF FIRE DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City Council of Inverness has been informed of the dry condition and currently the State has declared a local emergency due to the forest and brush fires occurring within Florida and in Citrus County; and

WHEREAS, any open burning creates unacceptable risks for accidental or careless ignition of dry vegetation; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute empowers municipalities to have emergency management jurisdiction over their entire areas and to perform emergency management functions within their territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute authorizes municipalities to promulgate orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to promulgate an emergency order to protect human and animal life and to avert the overwhelming destruction of property that could result from a wild fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Inverness, Florida, that the following is prohibited in the incorporated city limits of Inverness, Citrus County, Florida:

1. Open burning, except (a) outdoor grills used in preparing food, and (b) commercial land clearing where on-site inspection and approval has been granted by the Florida Forest Service, on a case-by-case basis, and it is determined there will be sufficient fire suppression equipment and personnel on-site.
2. (1) Use of discharge of items listed in Florida Statute 791.04(4) (fireworks) using explosive or combustible compounds; (2) use of discharge of flares, and the use of outdoor burning devices (excluding attended and monitored barbeque/cooking equipment); and (3) any otherwise lawful outdoor burning, such as lawn, debris or trash burning, shall be prohibited throughout the City of Inverness during the period of local emergency and any extension(s) thereof.
3. Parking vehicles with catalytic converters in high grassy areas.
4. No matches or cigarettes, etc. are to be thrown from vehicles.
5. Any person violating the provisions of this Order, or any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with the order or orders of any duly authorized law enforcement officer or personnel charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of such executive orders shall, in addition to the penalties described above, reimburse the

City for all costs and expenses incurred as a result of such violation, including, without limitation, response and suppression costs.

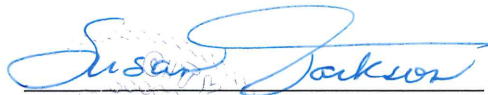
6. If any provision of this Order is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Order, which shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.
7. This order shall remain in effect until the emergency is deemed to no longer exist in the opinion of the City Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Inverness, Florida this 2nd day of May, 2017.

CITY OF INVERNESS

BY: 
Council President

ATTEST:



City Clerk

