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Countywide burn ban enacted, state of local emergency declared

May 1, 2017 – The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners enacted a burn ban at its regular meeting on Monday and declared a state of local emergency to do so.

“I think we need to get the word out to our residents that things such as charcoal barbecues are not allowed to be used,” Commissioner David Sullivan said.

All counties south of Flagler County have already issued burn bans in Florida. No significant rainfall is forecast for Flagler County within the next week.

The burn ban prohibits the following:

- The sale, use and discharge of fireworks
- Open burning, including the use of fire pits and containers
- Charcoal-burning barbecue grills – including those at Flagler County Parks and Recreation facilities
- Throwing matches or cigarettes (or other burning materials) from car windows
- Parking vehicles with catalytic converters in high grassy areas

“The real danger there is to take those charcoals when you are done at put them in the crunchy bushes,” Chair Nate McLaughlin said.

The ban will remain in effect until further notice. For safety tips, go to www.flaglercounty.org/firewise.

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