EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-07
ESTABLISHING A BURN BAN
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-01 declared a local state of emergency based on the
COVID-19 virus on March 16th; and,

WHEREAS, the number of cases in the State of Florida, Alachua County and the counties
that surround Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §252.38(5)(a) Florida Statutes, provides that the County has the
authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of
the public; and,

WHEREAS, it is crucial for the public safety and welfare that First Responders be available
for medical calls during this time and not have to be responding to brush fires which are
preventable; and,

WHEREAS, the burning of leaves, yard waste and other debris can necessitate an
emergency response diverting otherwise crucial first response resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the
County’s Code §27.07; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes provides that the County shall have
jurisdictional authority over the entire county.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. There is a burn ban in place for the duration of this emergency and no yard waste,
leaves or other material may be burned; and

2. This ban shall not apply to contained grills or griddles used for preparing food on a
private or commercial basis; and

3. This order shall apply throughout the entire geographic boundary of Alachua County and
within each municipality therein.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2020 at _________________.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _______________________________, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Attorney’s Office