

**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 11:44 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Hutchinson, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office