

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-45-L

NATURE OF THE IMMINENT THREAT OF DISASTER:

The grassland and cropland of Kansas form an important part of our economy, and provide for protection of watersheds, forage for livestock, refuge for wildlife, and recreational opportunities. Wildfires endanger these resources, real and personal property, and the lives of residents and visitors in these areas. Extremely dry, hot, and windy weather conditions with temperatures above normal have created an extreme fire hazard in the grassland and cropland of Kansas. Fires have been reported throughout the county and have caused substantial damage. Once started, these fires are difficult to control and strain both paid and volunteer fire department manpower and resources. The fire danger is "extreme" in this county. The dry condition, above-normal temperatures and fire danger will continue unabated until sufficient rainfall occurs across the area.

It is hereby resolved, directed and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Labette County, Kansas, that the following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of this County by all citizens and visitors:

1. Careless use of smoking materials, including cigarettes, cigars and smoking pipes. Discard shall be in a manner to preclude threat from smoldering remains.
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire or campfire except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or barbecue grills in developed recreational sites or residential lawns.
3. Prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, wildland, ravines, trash and debris. Prescribed burning may be exempted from this order where such burning is necessary for crop survival and has been specifically approved in writing by the Fire Chief (or other appropriate officer) of this County. Crop survival is defined as stubble burning in preparation for second crop planting.

The knowing and willful violation of this Resolution shall constitute a Class C misdemeanor and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as provided by law. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect until action is taken by the Board of County Commissioners to terminate.


Dated this 22 day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:


Gena Landis, Labette County Clerk


Vincent B. Schibi, Chairman Commissioner
District 1




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