



Cameron County Commissioners  
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## **BURN BAN RESOLUTION #2025-8**

**WHEREAS** the County Commissioners are desirous of providing for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Cameron County; and

**WHEREAS** the County Commissioners in cooperation with it's volunteer fire fighting organizations and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry is desirous of regulating the outdoor burning ban; and

**WHEREAS** the County Commissioners are desirous of protecting the people of Cameron County in every possible way from the dangers and threats of uncontrolled and unsafe fires.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is ordered as follows:

1. Burn Ban Definition – Open burning is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) out of doors either in a burn barrel or on the ground. The use of propane or gas stove or the use of tobacco in any form is not covered under this act. Campfires are allowed in fire rings that confine and contain the campfire and only in designated Federal, State or DEP licensed campgrounds.
2. Prerequisite – Prior to adoption, the county shall have received a written recommendation from the District Forester who has received or solicited verbal requests from at least 50% of the fire chiefs in the county recommending and requesting the imposition of a temporary county-wide ban on open fires.
3. Duration – Any Burn Ban imposed under this section shall remain in effect for no more than 30 days and upon recommendations from the District Forester the County Commissioners may extend the ban for up to an additional 30 days.
4. Construction – Any Burn Ban imposed shall supersede any municipal ordinance to the contrary.

5. Enforcement

- Enforcing Officials – Any sworn police officer when available, including the Pennsylvania State Police, shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this act
- Limitation – Whenever a violation of this act occurs in a city, borough, incorporated town or township which has in effect an ordinance prohibiting open burning, the police officer may cite the violation under either the municipal or county resolution. Under no circumstances shall any person be cited for violations of both the County Resolution and the Municipal Ordinance for the same violation.

6. Penalty – A person who violates this act commits a summary offense and shall upon conviction, be sentenced to a fine of no more than \$100 for the first offense, not more than \$200 for the second offense and not more than \$300 for the third offense.

7. Effective Date – The resolution shall require a minimum notice of 48 hours prior to the imposition of a temporary county-wide Burn Ban.

AUTHORITY ACT 1995-52 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

This resolution adopted this 2nd day of October, 2025 by the Cameron County Board of Commissioners.

Jessica Herzing  
Jessica Herzing, Chair

James Moate  
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Abstained  
Josh Zucal

ATTEST

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Secretary to the Commissioners/Chief Clerk

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