

Resolution No. 18 - 2022

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL FIRE SEASON FOR FERGUS COUNTY
AND A PROCESS FOR OBTAINING BURN PERMITS**

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-33-2205 provides for the establishment of an annual fire season; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 76-13-121 provides for permits to be required for burning during a fire season; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-33-2206 provides penalties for burning without a permit; and

WHEREAS, Fergus County enacted Ordinance 2-2017 establishing penalties for burning without a burn permit;

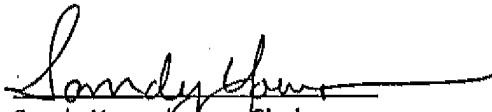
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following regulations shall govern open burning permits:

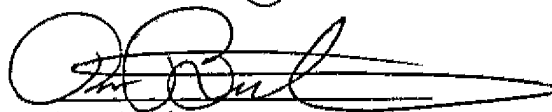
- I. The Fergus County Fire Season shall be from 12:00 a.m. on January 1 of each year until 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of each year.
- II. Individuals wishing to burn during the fire season must obtain a permit online or contact Fergus County Disaster and Emergency Services. Permits shall expire on December 31 of each year.
- III. Individuals with burn permits shall activate permit online, or contact Fergus County Disaster and Emergency Services each day of ignition after receiving authorization to burn.
- IV. The permit process shall be monitored by the Fergus County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator as the point of contact.

A person who ignites any fire 48 inches or larger in diameter in Fergus County without first having obtained a burn permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON APRIL 25, 2022.

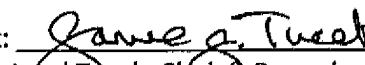
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