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PUBLIC NOTICE DECLARATION OF "OPEN BURNING EMERGENCY"

The Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, in order to protect the public welfare and safety during this unusually dry period, and pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 and Chapter 8.12 of the Vanderburgh County Code of Ordinances, hereby proclaims and OPEN BURN EMERGENCY. This emergency shall be in effect for all unincorporated areas of Vanderburgh County and valid 24 hours a day. The ban shall run for seven (7) days or until rescinded, whichever is earlier. The ban may be extended beyond seven (7) days by the Board of Commissioners.

No person shall set, start, or attempt to set, or allow to continue, an open fire within the County unless he or she has first obtained and has in his or her possession a written permit from the commanding office of the fire department having primary jurisdiction over the area where the open fire is to be conducted. Any person deemed guilty of a violation of this declaration, and upon conviction, shall be fined \$500.

Justin Elpers, President