

**CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADMINISTRATOR ORDER
DECLARING THAT A DROUGHT EMERGENCY EXISTS IN
CITRUS COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF
CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE,
"THE EMERGENCY DROUGHT CONDITION FIRE HAZARD".**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, on May 9, 2006, adopted Chapter 46, Article III of the Citrus County Code entitled, "The Emergency Drought Condition Fire Hazard"; and

WHEREAS, for the past several months Citrus County has had a significant rainfall deficit leading to drought like conditions in the County; and

WHEREAS, this drought like condition has greatly affected vegetation in the County by making it very susceptible to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners declared a State of General Emergency, (Declaration), within Citrus County related to the COVID-19 pandemic and such has been continually reauthorized thereafter;

WHEREAS, the Declaration delegated to the County Administrator certain emergency management powers to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, because of the current health emergency the County's Fire Rescue Department is maintaining an enhanced preparedness role requiring the Department to remain vigilant and available to respond to health emergencies;

WHEREAS, because of this enhanced role during this health emergency, it is vital to reduce the instances where the Department would be responding to emergencies outside the health care environment; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent in the interests of health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Citrus County, pursuant to Section 46-73, to enact a burn ban to accommodate the Fire Rescue Department's personnel being available to respond to the health emergency; and

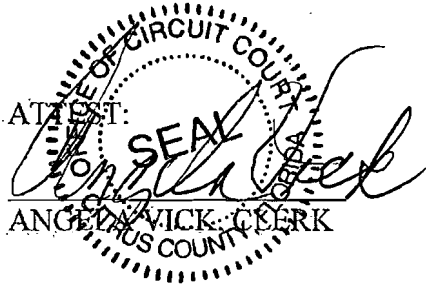
NOW, THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY of the Declaration, I, Charles R. Oliver, Citrus County Administrator, do hereby order:

1. That a drought emergency exists in Citrus County, Florida.
2. The provisions of Chapter 46, Article III, Citrus County Code, are hereby implemented effective immediately.

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3. Outdoor burning is hereby banned except where the outdoor burning is being performed pursuant to an outdoor burning authorization issued by the Florida Forest Service.

4. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and a copy to the Citrus County Fire Chief.



BY: Charles R. Oliver
CHARLES R. OLIVER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:



DENISE A. DYMOND LYN,
COUNTY ATTORNEY