

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-19 ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
LIFTING OF EMERGENCY BURN BAN**

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-01 declared a local state of emergency based on the COVID-19 virus on March 16<sup>th</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the number of cases in the State of Florida, Alachua County and the counties that surround Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §252.38(5)(a) Florida Statutes, provides that the County has the authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-07 was entered and subsequently amended to establish a burn ban across Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, since the entry of the Emergency Burn Ban, there have been a number of days with rain reducing the threat of brush fires in Alachua County and the overall number of responses within Alachua County by Fire Personnel have gone down; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County's Code §27.07; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes provides that the County shall have jurisdictional authority over the entire county.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. That based upon the current conditions, the Burn Ban entered in Emergency Order 2020-07 is lifted and repealed.
2. This order shall apply throughout the entire geographic boundary of Alachua County and within each municipality therein.
3. This order shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of Courts of Alachua County.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Robert Hutchinson, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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County Attorney's Office