

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

WHEREAS, pursuant to Polk County Ordinance 08-015, as amended, the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's Designee has repealed Fire Department Burn Ban 26-01; and

WHEREAS, less than fifty percent (50%) of Polk County is averaging over 500 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of said Fire Department Burn Ban the atmospheric and fire hazard conditions that increased the risk of brush fires and uncontrolled fires throughout Polk County have abated; and

WHEREAS, a repeal of a Fire Department Burn Ban must be approved by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Repeal of Fire Department Burn Ban 26-01 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2026.

Attest:

STACY BUTTERFIELD, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Martha Santiago, Ed. D., Chairperson

Exhibit "A"

NOTICE OF REPEAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN BAN NO. 26-01

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2026, the Polk County Fire Chief declared Fire Department Burn Ban No. 26-01;¹

WHEREAS, less than fifty percent (50%) of Polk County is averaging over 500 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index:

WHEREAS, Polk County Ordinance 08-015, as amended, authorizes the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's Designee to repeal a Fire Department Burn Ban upon abatement of the fire hazard conditions; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of said Fire Department Burn Ban, the atmospheric and fire hazard conditions that increased the risk of brush fires and uncontrolled fires throughout Polk County have abated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF THAT:

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 08-015, AS AMENDED, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN BAN 26-01 IS HEREBY DECLARED REPEALED EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2026.

DATED 17th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK

SHAWN SMITH
POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

By: *Stacy M. Butterfield*

Deputy Clerk

By: *Shawn Smith* 

Fire Chief, Shawn Smith

¹ Fire Department Burn Ban 26-01 was amended the same day it was issued on May 6, 2026, to remove Lake Wales as a covered municipality. References to Burn Ban 26-01 in this Notice of Repeal apply to both the original and amended versions.