

LAWRENCE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2007-24
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
REGULATION OF FIRE HAZARDS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commission is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Lawrence County including all property situated therein; and
WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commission has consulted with local fire officials and emergency management officials concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and
WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires in Lawrence County is such so as to pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Lawrence County including property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Lawrence County by wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20 (18) the Lawrence County Commission does hereby enact this resolution on an emergency basis effective immediately and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning in order to protect the public health and safety; and

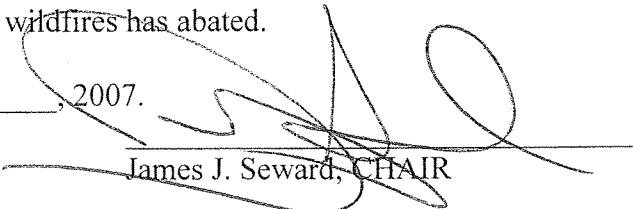
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the prohibited activities shall include the ignition of fireworks and open burning, and any other activity which could be reasonably be calculated to lead to the ignition and/or spread of wildfires in Lawrence County. It would not include private commercial campgrounds or US Forest Service campgrounds with a valid fireplace permit issued by the SD Wildland Fire Suppression Division. At such time as the US Forest Service deems it necessary to restrict burning in US Forest Service campgrounds, all campgrounds in Lawrence County (excepting those within municipal boundaries and control) would fall under the same restriction and would only be able to resume campfires when the US Forest Service drops their restrictions; and

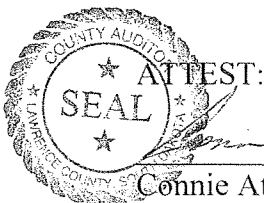
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the area to which the prohibitions referenced above shall be applicable shall include the entire area of Lawrence County excepting those lands falling within the boundaries of any municipality or the lands falling under the auspices of the United States; and

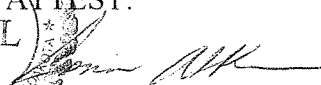
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this resolution shall include a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars for each violation and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation; or by both such fine and imprisonment; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the prohibition of certain activities provided for above shall remain in effect until such time as the Lawrence County Commission determines that the threat posed by wildfires has abated.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2007.


James J. Seward, CHAIR




Connie Atkinson, AUDITOR