

**POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF ORDER NO. 26-02
EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN BAN
NO. 25-02**

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2025, the Polk County Fire Chief declared Fire Department Burn Ban No. 25-02;

WHEREAS, Polk County Ordinance 14-041, amending Polk County Ordinance 08-015, authorizes the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's Designee to suspend a declared Fire Department Burn Ban from time to time without the need for further action by the Board of County Commissioners as long as any suspension does not exceed seven (7) days;

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2026, Fire Department Burn Ban 25-02 was suspended temporarily for seven (7) days until 11 :59pm EST on April 16, 2026.

WHEREAS, as of April 14, 2026, because of recent rainfall, Polk County's Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) average is 377 with 94% of the county below 500; and

WHEREAS, consequently, the immediate risk of brush fires and uncontrolled fires throughout Polk County remains reduced,


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

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2026, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCES 14-041 and 08-015, AS AMENDED, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN BAN 25-02 IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FURTHER UNTIL 11 :59PM EST ON APRIL 24, 2026.

DATED 16th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

By 

Shawn Smith, Fire Chief