

**NOTICE OF REPEAL 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**, on April 9, 2026, Fire Department Burn Ban No. 25-02, was suspended temporarily for seven (7) days until 11:59PM EST on April 16, 2026, pursuant to Polk County Fire Chief Order No. 26-01.

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2026, Fire Department Burn Ban No. 25-02, was suspended temporarily for an additional seven (7) days until 11:59PM EST on April 24, 2026, pursuant to Polk County Fire Chief Order No. 26-02.

**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TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 08-015, AS AMENDED, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN BAN 25-02 IS HEREBY DECLARED REPEALED EFFECTIVE APRIL 17, 2026.

DATED 17th day of April 2026.

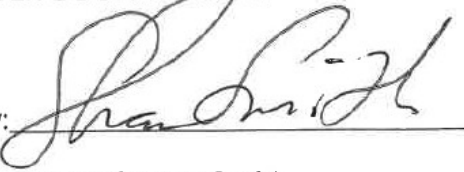
ATTEST:

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK

By: 

Deputy Clerk

SHAWN SMITH  
POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

By: 

Fire Chief, Shawn Smith

