

POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF ORDER NO. 26-01
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, as of April 8, 2026, recent rainfall has decreased the County's Keetch-Byram Drought Index average by an additional 19 basis points and less than five percent (5%) of Polk County is averaging over 500 on that scale; and

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

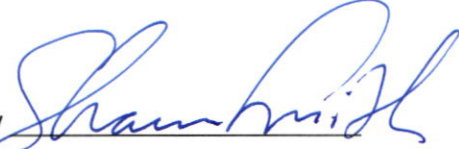
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF THAT:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 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 UNTIL 11:59PM EST ON APRIL 16, 2026.

DATED 9th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

By 

Shawn Smith, Fire Chief