

*Board of County Commissioners*

**Fire/Rescue  
Fire Prevention and Protection  
Ordinance**

**February 6, 2018**



# Presentation Overview

- Establishment of a Burn Ban
- Adoption of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code
- Action Requested





# Establishment of a Burn Ban

- **Automatic Activation Upon Keetch Byram Drought Index (KDBI) Reaches 500**
- **Automatically Deactivates when KDBI is Below 500 for 7 Consecutive Days**
- **Consistent with Surrounding Counties**



# Penalties

- **If the violator's action do not cause a fire:**
  1. Prosecute as misdemeanor. Up to 60 days in prison and/or \$500 fine; and/or
  2. Cite under Section 11, Orange County Code. Civil penalty up to \$500.
- **If the violator's actions do cause a fire:**
  1. Prosecute as misdemeanor. Up to 60 days in prison and/or \$500 fine; and/or
  2. Issue Notice of Violation under Section 11, Orange County Code for an irreversible/irreparable violation. One time penalty up to \$15,000.



# Florida Fire Prevention Code

- **Adoption of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code**
  - 2015 Editions of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1, Fire Code and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code
  - Removes Local Amendments that have been Incorporated into National and State Codes
  - Language Adjustments to Fire & Life Safety Code Board of Appeals



## Requested Action

**Approval of an Ordinance Affecting Fire Prevention and Protection in Orange County; Amending Chapter 18, Orange County Code by Creating Section 18-4 Establishing a Burn Ban; Providing for Burn Ban Activation, Deactivation, Applicability, Enforcement, and Penalties; Amending Section 18-32 (“Florida Fire Prevention Code”) by Removing Local Amendments; Amending Section 18-34 (“Board of Adjustments and Appeals”) by Removing the Reference to the Advisory Board Ordinance from the Board of Adjustments and Appeals Eligibility Requirements; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

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