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RE: Press Release County Wide Burn Ban for Vernon County, WI

****Effective Immediately****

A Burn Ban has been issued for Vernon County, WI on behalf of Vernon County Emergency Management and Vernon County Fire Chiefs Association until further notice. There shall be no outdoor burning during this time. This is due to the current situation with COVID-19 and to keep our Fire Departments safe from any unnecessary responses. The State of Wisconsin DNR has not been issuing any burn permits due to COVID-19. This ban will continue until conditions improve.

Sec. 31-141. - Liability.

A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

(Ord. No. 2019-3, § 11, 9-17-2019)

Sec. 31-142. - Right of entry and inspection.

The Fire Chief shall have all the rights of entry and inspection found in Wis. Stat. § 213.095.

(Ord. No. 2019-3, § 12, 9-17-2019)

Sec. 31-143. - Enforcement and penalties.

- (a) The fire chiefs and local law enforcement are authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.
- (b) The penalty for violation of any portion of this article shall be a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$250.00 plus the cost of prosecution. Penalties are doubled for second and subsequent offenses.

(Ord. No. 2019-3, § 13, 9-17-2019)

Current Fire Danger level: Moderate.

Vernon County Burn Ordinance:

https://library.municode.com/wi/vernon_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH31HESANV_SA_ARTXIIIOUREBU

For more information go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.html>

Thank you,

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