

AN ORDINANCE IS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF DODGE COUNTY RESIDENTS BY PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF TRASH AND/OR MAN MADE MATERIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of Dodge County to establish regulation of the open burning of trash and refuse.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County as follows:

Prohibition of Burning Trash

Pursuant to the Georgia Air Quality Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-9-1, et seq.) and Georgia Department of Natural Resources regulations (GA Rule 391-3-1-.02(5)), it shall be unlawful for any person to conduct open burning of trash, garbage, or other man made material within Dodge County. Exceptions allowed under state law, such as for agricultural or controlled burns, shall comply with all permitting and notification requirements.

Penalties

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

- (a) By a fine of and not more than \$1,000; and
- (b) In addition to the fine set out in subsection 1 above, the violator shall reimburse the County for the reasonable cost of extinguishment of the unlawful fire.

Enforcement

All law enforcement agencies, officers and officials of this county or any political subdivision thereof, or any enforcement agency, officer or any official of any commission of this county or any political subdivision thereof, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enforce compliance with this article.

Official Code of Georgia § 16-7-43(d) provides procedures for local governments to appoint individuals, in addition to traditional law enforcement officials, to enforce the provisions of this ordinance

SO ORDAINED THIS DATE OF 02-17, 2025.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:


Clerk

