

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only

( x ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Land Use Planning

PROGRAM: Smoke Management

SUBJECT: Annual Non-Agricultural Burn Ban for Summer 2022

**Background:** Currently, Umatilla County has the annual Non-Agricultural Burn Ban in effect since July 14, 2022. Historically, Umatilla County has lifted this ban at the end of September or beginning of October. Other nearby jurisdictions such as CTUIR, City of Pendleton and City of Milton-Freewater will also be lifting their burn bans in the next 5-10 days.

( ) INFORMATIONAL  
( x ) ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is requesting that the Board of Commissioners vote to lift the temporary Non-Agricultural Burn Ban effective Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at noon. Staff will issue a press release to advise the public if approved.

Adopt Order No. BCG2022-054

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Draft Press Release for LIFTING the Non-Ag Burn Ban to media; Proposed order

OTHER:

- 1.

Submitted By: Gina Miller, staff liaison for the Smoke Management program

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Exec. Asst.
- ( X ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Budget (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal
- ( ) (Other – List:

To be notified of Meeting:  
Gina Miller

Needed at Meeting:  
Gina Miller

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Scheduled for meeting on: October 5, 2022

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

# Umatilla County

Department of Land Use Planning



## PRESS RELEASE

**Date: October 5, 2022**

**Contact: Gina Miller**  
**Code Enforcement Coordinator (541)278-6300**

# Non-Agricultural Burn Ban TO BE LIFTED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2022 @ NOON

Pendleton, OR – On October 5, 2022, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners adopted Board Order No. BCC \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ declaring the lifting of a temporary ban on all **OPEN NON-AGRICULTURAL burning** within the unincorporated areas of Umatilla County. This excludes land under the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon, the United States Government, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and areas covered by a rural Fire District.

Burn day protocol is still in effect. Smoke Management and Burn permit holders are **REQUIRED** to check for Burn Day status for Agricultural and Residential burning by calling (541)278-6397. Burn Day status can also be found on the County website at [www.umatillacounty.gov](http://www.umatillacounty.gov), or Facebook (Umatilla County Smoke Management).

### UMATILLA COUNTY OPEN BURNING JURISDICTIONS AND PERMITS

- Umatilla County has permitting jurisdiction over all agricultural field burning (>2 acres) and all orchards through the County Smoke Management Ordinance. Additionally, the county has jurisdiction over residential burning outside of fire districts.

- Established Rural Fire Protection Districts (taxed districts) have jurisdiction within their districts for residential burning (less than 2 acres, burn barrels, etc.) and fire protection, including permitting.

For more information about the lifting of the temporary Non-Agricultural Burn Ban, or to report illegal burning, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252 or Umatilla County Dispatch (541)966-3651 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

For more information about the Umatilla County Smoke Management & Burning Ordinance or to apply for burn permits, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252. Permit applications can also be found online at [www.umatillacounty.gov](http://www.umatillacounty.gov).

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**ATTEST:**  
**OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS**

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**Records Officer**