

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WRIGHTSTOWN
TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND IMPOSING A
BURN BAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Wrightstown is desirous of providing for the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, because of drier than normal temperatures, with no significant rainfall being forecast; and

WHEREAS, due to below normal rainfall over the past several months throughout Wrightstown Township and Bucks County; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of Lingohocken Fire Company has expressed concern that a fire potential poses a serious and imminent threat to the life and property within the Township of Wrightstown; and

WHEREAS, emergency measures are required to reduce the severity of this danger in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of Wrightstown Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has adopted the 2018 International Fire Code in Chapter 7 of the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code in Section 307.1.1 prohibits open burning when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has determined that local circumstances make open burning hazardous;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of an emergency in Wrightstown Township and declare a burn ban to be in effect.

This declaration enforces a burn ban to not allow fireworks and/or any fires including recreational fires, smudge pots, and fires on tracts of land of not less than 10 acres that are in

agricultural or cemetery use. The use of Propane or Charcoal grills would not be covered under this declaration as long as they are used in accordance to manufacturer's specifications.

Enforcement of this ban shall be the responsibility of any sworn police officer. In addition, the ban can be enforced by the Township through the enforcement proceedings outlined in the International Fire Code.

FURTHER, the Board directs the Chief of the Lingohocken Fire Company to coordinate the activities of any emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

This Declaration shall take effect March 15, 2025 and will be in effective until the Board of Supervisors is advised that conditions have improved.

ENACTED and RESOLVED, this 10th day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

Stacy Crandell
Township Manager

Chester Pogonowski, Chair

Jane Magne

Robert Lloyd