

This information is directed to those owners of property in Stafford County (outside of city limits) who wish to conduct an open burn. City property owners need to refer to their respective cities for direction.

Please fill out the information and return to:

Stafford County Fire Department  
436 E 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
St. John, KS 67576

Whereas, Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.) **28-19-645**, prohibits the burning of any wastes, structures, vegetation, or any other materials on any premises, except as authorized by K.A.R. **28-19-647** and K.A.R. **28-19-648**;

Whereas, **K.A.R. 28-19-647**, defines certain exceptions to the prohibition of open burnings;

Whereas, **K.A.R. 28-29-648**, authorizes certain agricultural open burning conditioned upon the person conducting the burn to provide notice;

And whereas, it has been determined that the failure to notify Stafford County Fire Department through Stafford County Communications prior to open burning, creates significant potential for danger to persons and property;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Notice Prior to Open Burning.** No person or persons shall conduct any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Stafford County without first having notified Stafford County Communications, **620-549-3247** of such intention to burn, and location of the intended burn and the approximate times the burn will begin and end.

**Section 2. Guidelines for Burning.**

- a. Fire must be out before dark; unless preapproved authorization is granted
- b. Fire must be supervised at ALL times until out;
- c. Smoke from fire must not create a traffic hazard, pursuant to K.A.R. **28-19-648**; d. Person or persons must alert neighbors and airports within one (1) mile of the burn area prior to commencing the burn.

Stafford County Open Burn Information

Property Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

People who will burn under your permit \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read, understand, and will abide by Stafford County Open Burn Resolution No. 2010-R-5. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for any damages that might occur from a burn operation I conduct.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 3. Regulations Regarding Burn.**

- a. Person or Person desiring to burn shall call Stafford County Communications, 620-549-3247, prior to burn, advise of the burn location, estimated start and end time.
- b. There is no rangeland fire index rated as **“Very High”** or **“Extreme”**
- c. Current wind speeds must not exceed 15mph; said wind conditions are forecast to stay below 15mph for the foreseeable future.
- d. Tractor and disc must be at location of burn and manned at the location of the burn, with a minimum fire guard of fifteen (15) feet around the area to be burned for agricultural burning.
- e. Person or persons are required to notify Stafford County Communications when the controlled burn is completed.
- f. While Stafford County Communications, Stafford County Fire Department and Stafford County are only providing advice and do not assume any risk regarding person or persons starting fires in violation of this Resolution or accidents that may occur.

**Section 4. Violations,** Failure to give proper notice, or blatant disregard of burn regulations, shall be considered a violation and be punishable by a fine of up to \$250.00. In addition to the fine, there will be a \$50.00 response fee per truck (with or without suppression), and \$100 per hour per truck on the call (with suppression).

**Section 5. Charges Assessed.** All charges assessed under the provisions of this Resolution shall be paid within thirty (30) days of giving notice and a statement shall be sent to the landowner or any party responsible, at the last known address. Any charges not paid by the party assessed shall become a lien against the real estate upon which said services were rendered and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes are collected and shall be paid into the Stafford County Fire Reserve Fund. Charges assessed pursuant to this Resolution shall be in addition to all other levies, penalties and Statutes as authorized by law.