

Policy Manual – ADMINISTRATION

TITLE	FIRE BAN
SECTION	FIRE DEPARTMENT

Legislation Reference: Alberta Provincial Statutes

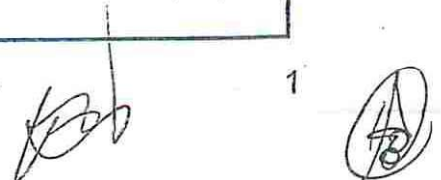
Purpose: To expedite the process for implementing and/or removing Fire Bans within the boundaries of the Town of Smoky Lake.

Policy Statement and Guidelines

- 1. STATEMENT**
 - 1.1 At various times during the year, factors may dictate a municipal fire ban which requires specific restrictions in regards to open burning.

- 2. GUIDELINES**
 - 2.1 According to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 Chapter M-26, Section 75(1), the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F19, Section 7(1) provides the municipality the authority to implement or remove a Fire Ban.
 - 2.2 Factors to be considered for implementing a Total Fire Ban include:
 - 2.2.1 Information obtained from the Alberta Government.
 - 2.2.2 Sustainable Resources Development updates.
 - 2.2.3 Fire Weather Index.
 - 2.2.4 General conditions throughout the surrounding area.
 - 2.2.5 If the Smoky Lake County implements the Fire Ban.
 - 2.2.6 Fire Chief determines a shortage of available firefighters and/or apparatus for the Town of Smoky Lake.
 - 2.3 The Town Fire Chief and/or the Deputy Fire Chief in the Fire Chief's absence may declare and/or remove a partial or total Fire Ban by written order (see Schedule "A") as conditions dictate.

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3. POLICY PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (or other dispatch)** will be advised with Schedule "A": Fire Ban – Immediate Release being completed and submitted.
- 3.2** An order to issue a Fire Ban made under this Policy will be communicated by the following methods:
- 3.2.1 Notifications to Council, Fire Department, RCMP - Local Detachment and Radio Stations (CFCW, CHED, etc.) other agencies, individuals and organizations as required.
 - 3.2.2 Posted on the Town Website, and on any social media being used, AB Fire Ban.com – Website, voluntary signage at retail outlets, poster – as per Schedule "A" and Signage: "Fire Ban in Effect: signs posted at all Town entrances, Post Office and Town Office, RV Park and other means deemed necessary by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 3.3** When a Fire Ban is issued:
- 3.3.1 No fireworks permits will be issued during the Fire Ban.
 - 3.3.2 Previously issued fireworks permits will be cancelled and the holders will be notified.
 - 3.3.3 Open fires will be put out and the owner charged as per the Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines.



Sample

SCHEDULE "A"
TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE
FIRE BAN

Contact:

Name Position

Phone: 780-656-3674 Fax: 780-656-3675 e-mail _____

Due to extreme fire hazard conditions the Town of Smoky Lake hereby orders:

___ Fire Ban in Effect _____
Time Date

___ Fire Ban Removed _____
Time Date

No new fire permits will be issued during the period of the ban
And
All previously issued permits are hereby cancelled.

Gas or Propane stoves that are approved for cooking will be allowed

For further information, please contact the Town of Smoky Lake at 780-656-3674.

THIS FIRE BAN WILL STAY IN EFFECT
UNTIL FIRE HAZARD CONDITIONS IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY

SIGNATURES:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: _____

DATE: _____

TOWN FIRE CHIEF: _____

DATE: _____

SCHEDULE "B"

NO FIRES

You could be fined up to \$1,000.00
and liable for all firefighting costs.

ALLOWED:

GAS OR PROPANE STOVES THAT
ARE APPROVED FOR COOKING


www.albertafirebans.ca
for current fire ban information

Town of Smoky Lake

	DATE	RESOLUTION NUMBER
Approved	April 17, 2013	255-13
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Hank Holowaychuk
Chief Elected Official



Harvey Prockiw
Chief Administrative Officer

