

RESOLUTION NO. 681

LIBERO 008 FOLIO 23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY,
MARYLAND, DECLARING AN OPEN AIR BURNING BAN**

WHEREAS, due to drought-like conditions, the Dorchester County Council has placed an open air burning ban in effect for all of Dorchester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, all open air burning is prohibited in Dorchester County with the exception of the following:

- (1) Gas grills, charcoal grills or fire pits.
- (2) the supervised burning of buildings, or the burning of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuels conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors at a training center organized by a fire department.
- (3) Any other supervised burning conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified fire instructors, or a fire chief, captain or fire line officer of a fire department that has jurisdiction over the area where the supervised burning occurs.

WHEREAS, the effective date of this Resolution shall be the 13th day of March, 2025 at 8:00 am.

WHEREAS, any person violating the open air burning ban is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such violation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, by virtue of this resolution, do hereby declare an open air burning ban to promote the peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Dorchester County, Maryland.

THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2025.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:



Jerry Jones, County Manager

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND



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