

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11
DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DOUGLASS, BERKS COUNTY, IMPOSING AN
IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY TOWNSHIP-WIDE BURN BAN ON OPEN BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Douglass Township is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with its volunteer fire companies and emergency responders, seeks to reduce the risk of uncontrolled fires within the Township; and

WHEREAS, dry weather conditions, limited precipitation, and increased wildfire risk create a heightened danger of brush and structural fires; and

WHEREAS, the designated Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshals serving Douglass Township have reported conditions that pose an extreme risk for the rapid spread of fire and have recommended the implementation of a township-wide burn ban; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 52 of 1995 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, codified at 16 P.S. §§ 13201–13204, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to impose a temporary township-wide burn ban on open fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Douglass Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. Imposition of Burn Ban

A township-wide burn ban on all outdoor burning is hereby imposed effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice, unless lifted or modified by subsequent action of the Board of Supervisors.

2. Prohibited Activities

During the burn ban, all outdoor burning is strictly prohibited, including but not limited to:

- Fire pits and recreational fires
- Burning of yard waste, leaves, brush, or debris
- Any open burning on the ground or in burn barrels

- Any other uncontrolled outdoor combustion of combustible materials

3. Definition of Open Burning

Open burning is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material outdoors, including garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, brush, vegetative matter, paper, or debris.

4. Exceptions

The use of propane or gas-fired cooking appliances, charcoal grills, and the use of tobacco products are not considered open burning under this Resolution, provided such activities comply with all applicable safety requirements.

5. Superseding Effect

This Resolution shall supersede any municipal ordinance or prior resolution to the contrary for the duration of the burn ban.

6. Enforcement

This Resolution shall be enforced by any sworn police officer with jurisdiction within Douglass Township, including the Pennsylvania State Police. A violation constitutes a summary offense.

7. Penalties

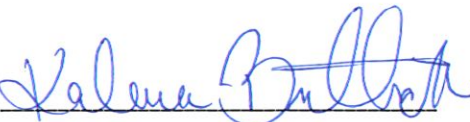
- \$100 for the first offense
- \$200 for the second offense
- \$300 for the third and subsequent offenses

8. Effective Date

This temporary Township burn ban will take effect Wednesday April 15, 2026. The ban is in effect for 30 days.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Douglass Township this 15th day of April, 2026.

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP

By: 

Secretary, Kaleena Breitbarth