

ORDINANCE NO. 4973

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3718 OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2000, WHICH RESTRICTS AND CONTROLS BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BOSSIER PARISH, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO, TO BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE 1, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, "AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY BURNING BAN; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES; TO CORRECT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of September, 2023, that it does hereby amend Ordinance No. 3718 of September 6, 2000, which restricts and controls burning in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto, to be designated as Chapter 50, Article 1, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, "Authority to Establish Temporary Burning Ban; Violations; Penalties, and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 50 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL

Section 50-1 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 50-1. Authority to establish temporary burning ban; violations; penalties:

(a) The Bossier Parish Police Jury hereby does authorize the Bossier Parish Fire Districts to impose a temporary burn ban within their district's legal boundaries when weather conditions so warrant.

(b) Any temporary burn ban so imposed by the local fire district shall prohibit all outdoor burning until such time as the fire district determines that weather conditions are safe enough to cancel the burn ban.

(c) Any person or persons or company or corporation or any person or persons who are individually representing or acting as an agent for any person or persons or company or corporation who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 plus all costs of court or a jail sentence not to exceed six (6) months or both.

(d) Prosecution under this ordinance shall not affect any violator's civil liability to any party damaged as a result of any fire set by the violator.

(e) Upon issuance of a burn ban, the following agencies shall be notified. These agencies shall also be notified at such time the burn ban is lifted.

- (1) The Bossier Parish Police Jury.
- (2) The Police juror in whose police jury district a burn ban is issued.
- (3) The Bossier Parish Sheriff's department.
- (4) Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1.
- (5) All local news media.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Gray. It was duly adopted on the 6th day of September, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

