

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY BURNING
BANS AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH
EXTINGUISHMENT OF FIRES SET IN VIOLATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY BURNING BANS
WITHIN THE EMMET - CHALMERS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Emmet - Chalmers Fire Protection District, McDonough County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the Fire Chief, or any other designated Officer of the Emmet – Chalmers Fire Protection District, with the authorization of the Board of Trustees of said District, may prohibit open burning within the District on an emergency basis, for a limited period of time, if (i) the atmospheric conditions or other circumstances create an unreasonable risk of fire because of wind, weather or other types of combustibles, and (ii) the resources of the Emmet – Chalmers Fire Protection District are not sufficient to control and suppress a fire resulting from one or more of the conditions or circumstances described in clause (i) of this subsection. For the purpose of this subsection, "open burning" includes, but is not limited to, the burning of landscape waste, agriculture waste, household trash and garbage.

Section 2. That the Fire Chief, or any other designated Officer of the Emmet – Chalmers Fire Protection District, may fix, charge, and collect fees associated with the Emmet - Chalmers Fire Protection District extinguishing an open burn that is prohibited under Section 1 of this Ordinance. The fee may be imposed against any person causing or engaging in the prohibited activity. The total amount collected as compensation for the Fire Protection District shall be assessed in accordance with the rates provided and allowed for in 70 ILCS 705/1 1 F(c), and the Fire Chief's determination of the cost of personnel and equipment utilized to extinguish the fire.

Section 3. That all Ordinances or policies of the Emmet – Chalmers Fire Protection District in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the said conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

This ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2025, and shall be in full force and effect after the passage and publication as required by law.

David S. Skripps
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Mark R. McCaw
SECRETARY

It was moved by Trustee MARK McCAW that the foregoing Ordinance #2026-15 be adopted.

Said Motion being seconded by Trustee DAVID TAYLOR, it was put to a vote with the following results:

Those voting "Aye", Trustees

DAVID TAYLOR, MIKE ECKARDT, SKIP SKRIPPS, MARK McCAW

Those voting "Nay", Trustees

NONE

Abstain

ERIC BLAKELEY

The Board of Trustees of the Emmet – Chalmers Fire Protection District, McDonough County, Illinois, is composed of the President and four Trustees.

David S. Skripps
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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