

**“ATTENTION”**  
**ALL MEDIA/COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENTS**

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**OTERO COUNTY**  
**COMMISSION WILL**  
**HAVE AN**  
**“EMERGENCY”**  
**MEETING ON TUES.**  
**JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 AT 5:00**  
**P.M. IN RM#253**  
**RE: EMERGENCY**  
**RESOLUTION ON**  
**BANNING BURNING &**  
**FIREWORKS!!**



State of New Mexico  
County of Otero

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-18-02/90-67**  
**RE: BANNING BURNING & FIREWORKS**  
**IN OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, New Mexico, has determined that, due to conditions of extreme drought, the present fire danger is exceedingly high within the County of Otero; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County has further determined that, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Otero County, the Board was required to take emergency action at its Emergency meeting on March 29, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County has further determined that it is necessary to clarify resolution number **04-30-02/90-51** and to extend the amended ban on burning in Otero County for a period of **thirty days (30)** pursuant to NMSA 60-2C-8.1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, New Mexico, hereby proclaims a ban in the foothills and mountain areas of the County on all burning of open flames, fires, campfires (**except in designated areas**) trash, rubbish, shrubbery or other material of any kind, except by permit, and **hereby bans the use of display fireworks** and the use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected unincorporated area of the County. In addition, all fireworks not listed in this paragraph shall be limited to areas that are paved or barren or that have a readily accessible source of water for use by homeowner or the general public. Fireplaces in particular, the unquenched ashes from same, may present a significant hazard and use should be discouraged during this period of drought.

2. In the Tularosa Basin area of the County, persons desiring to conduct a burn for agricultural or other purposes shall notify the Otero County Sheriff's Office of the request to conduct such a burn. The Sheriff shall notify the Fire Services Coordinator who shall notify the affected Fire Department, Fire Chief who shall inspect the site, determine whether the burn can proceed as requested and conduct stand by operations during the pendency of the requested burn.

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**in Otero County, State of New Mexico**

3. This Resolution is to remain in effect for thirty days (30) or until rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to NMSA 60-2C-8.1.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2002.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary D. Quintana, County Clerk**

**(Seal)**

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**Richard L. Zierlein, Chairman**

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**Timothy D. McGinn, Vice-Chairman**

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**Michael Nivison, Member**