

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRING
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRING,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IMPOSING A
TEMPORARY BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING AND
CONSERVATION OF WATER**

The Township of Spring, Berks County, Pennsylvania ("Township") is a municipal corporation and second class township operating pursuant to the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 65101, *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the existing dry and dangerous burning conditions and sub-average rainfall have created a great risk of fire in the Township that requires a soaking rain to end the fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") and the National Integrated Drought Information System ("NIDIS") have declared that the County of Berks is currently in a moderate drought condition; and

WHEREAS, there have been an increase in the number of wildfires in Berks County in recent days and emergency measures are required to reduce the severity of the danger of fires in the Township of Spring to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and businesses within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the current drought conditions warrant a temporary ban on outdoor burning and conservation of water for the protection of health, welfare, safety of the residents and property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township to impose a burning ban and water conservation measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township, that:

1. All open outdoor burning is hereby banned in the Township for a period of no more than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Resolution, or as modified/removed by future resolution, whichever is earlier, unless extended by the Township.

2. Open burning includes the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (including but not limited to garbage, leaves, twigs, wood, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) out of doors either in a burn barrel, backyard fire pit or on the ground. The use of propane or gas

stoves, charcoal briquette grills, or the use of tobacco in any form is not covered under this burn ban. Township residents are encouraged to responsibly dispose of cigarettes and related products to minimize the risk of fire.

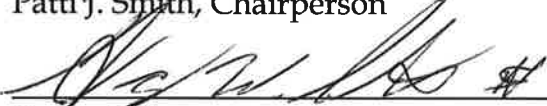
- 3. Residents shall take all reasonable measures to conserve water.
- 4. Unnecessary use of water is prohibited for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Resolution, or as modified or removed by future resolution, whichever is earlier, unless extended by the Township. Unnecessary use of water shall include, but is not limited to, watering of lawns, flowers, shrubbery, filling of pools and washing vehicles (excluding commercial car washes).
- 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon execution.
- 6. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of this Authority that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Spring, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Patti J. Smith, Chairperson



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Attest:



Mary L. Rossi, Secretary