WARREN COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE EXECUTIVE ORDER

AN ORDER RESCINDING THE COUNTY-WIDE FULL BURN BAN AND ESTABLISHING NEW BURN BAN CRITERIA CONSISTENT WITH STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 67.083 and applicable law, the Warren County Judge/Executive is authorized to issue executive orders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Warren County; and WHEREAS, a county-wide full burn ban was enacted due to ongoing drought conditions and elevated wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, recent assessments by the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Warren County Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service indicate that conditions have improved to permit the safe rescission of the full ban; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has adopted uniform restrictions on open burning to take effect October 1, 2025, during designated fire hazard seasons, and it is in the best interest of Warren County to implement those standards immediately to provide consistency, safety, and clarity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by Doug Gorman, Judge/Executive of Warren County, Kentucky, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as follows:

- 1. Rescission of Full Burn Ban Effective immediately, the county-wide full burn ban previously enacted is hereby rescinded.
- 2. Establishment of New Burn Ban Criteria Effective immediately, and continuing seamlessly into the statewide regulations effective October 1, 2025, Warren County adopts the following open burning restrictions:
 - The periods commencing February 15 and ending April 30, and October 1 and ending December 15 of each year, are hereby declared to be the fire hazard seasons.
 - During fire hazard seasons, it shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to, or to procure another to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire that is located within 150 feet of woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. local prevailing time.
 - Outside of 150 feet of woodland or brushland, open burning may occur at any time of day, provided it complies with all other applicable laws and safety requirements.
 - All open burning must comply with Kentucky Division of Forestry regulations and requirements, including notification and permitting when applicable.
 - The burning of materials that endanger public health, safety, or welfare—including plastics, tires,
 - 3. Enforcement

The Warren County Fire Departments, Warren County Emergency Management, and the Warren County Sheriff's Office are directed to assist in enforcement of and public education regarding this Order.

4. Publication

This Order shall be filed with the Warren County Clerk and distributed to all local fire departments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance, rescinding the prior full burn ban and establishing new criteria that shall remain in force and transition without interruption into the statewide fire hazard season restrictions on October 1, 2025.

This 26th day of September 2025.

DOUG GORMAN

WARREN COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE