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M. Larry Richard  
Parish President

**EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, current drought conditions and elevated wind speeds present the potential to threaten the health and safety of citizens within the Parish of Iberia.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, with fire danger ratings of 'High' to 'Extreme' across most of the state. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has tracked more than 170 wildfires statewide in February alone, including 70 reported fires in the past three days. A prolonged rainfall deficit dating back to October, combined with recent high winds and low humidity, has prompted the National Weather Service to issue Red Flag Warnings and led at least 22 parishes to issue burn bans.

WHEREAS, as a result of discussions with local fire emergency officials in the Parish of Iberia, a State of Emergency exists and limitation on burning activities is required for the protection of the citizens of, and property within the Parish of Iberia,

NOW THEREFORE, I, M. Larry Richard, Iberia Parish President, by the authority vested in me by the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, La.R.S. 29:727 et seq., do hereby proclaim a prohibition upon outdoor burning activities throughout the Parish of Iberia in order to ensure citizens' health and safety. Not included are supervised outdoor cooking activities in elevated and controlled settings.

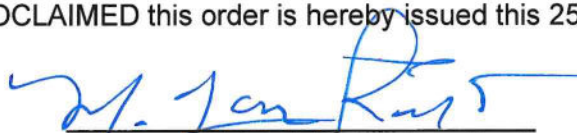
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this ban shall not apply to burns (i) prescribed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (ii) by those trained and certified by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or (iii) by those who conduct prescribed burning as a "generally accepted agriculture practice" as defined by the Louisiana Right to Farm Law, LA.R.S 3:3601 et seq.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all Emergency Preparedness plans have been activated, Brandon Migues, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, has been designated as the point of contact for all responsible activities related to this Order.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that Iberia Parish Fire Departments are empowered to extinguish all fires that are in direct violation of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the penalty for violation of this Order shall be as set forth in La. R.S. 29:727 (G).

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED this order is hereby issued this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

  
M. Larry Richard, Parish President