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“CLAYTON COUNTY BURN BAN LIFTED, WITH LIMITATIONS”

Riverdale, Ga.- Tuesday February 7, The Clayton County Board of Commissioners voted on a new Open Burning Ordinance proposed by the Fire Marshal's Office. The new ordinance will go into effect starting March 1, 2017. Residents are permitted to conduct outdoor burning, though they need to be aware of the new ordinance details.

The burning of leaves, limbs, and natural vegetation that may fall on one's property is allowable. The location for open burning shall be no less than 25 feet of any structure, and fires shall be limited to a size that can be easily controlled with the resources available on the property. Burning shall only be conducted Monday through Friday and on approved burn days as determined by the Fire Marshal's Office. According to the Fire Marshal, "A burn permit from the Georgia Forestry Commission shall be obtained and made available to the fire department upon request."

Residents whose health is adversely affected by smoke can apply for a Medical Burn Ban in their area. The application shall be signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Medical Burn Bans are limited to a geographical area of 0.25 miles. Applications should be submitted to Clayton County Fire Marshal's office at 7810 Highway 85 Riverdale GA 30274.

For more information please contact Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal David Vazquez.

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