

**RESOLUTION 7/2012-01**  
**EMERGENCY DECLARATION – BURNING BAN**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Town of Westford  
Dodge county

The Town Board of the Town of Westford, Dodge County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and orders as follows:

An emergency is declared as existing within the Town of Westford, Dodge County, Wisconsin, for the following reasons:

Per Wisconsin State Statute 323.11 when there occurs a lack of precipitation, there may exist an extreme danger of fire within the Town of Westford. This extreme danger of fire affects the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Westford and constitutes a state of emergency. It is hereby found that the regulation of fires, burning materials and fireworks is necessary and expedient for health, safety, welfare and good order of the Town of Westford during said emergency.

**A BURNING STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED AND THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT A PERSON MAY NOT:**

- (1) Set, build or maintain any open fire, except charcoal grills using charcoal briquettes, gas grills or camp stoves on private property.
- (2) Throw, discard or drop matches, cigarettes, cigars, ashes, charcoal briquettes or other burning materials while outdoors except into a noncombustible container that does not contain combustible materials.
- (3) Light or ignite a flare, except upon a roadway in an emergency.
- (4) Light, ignite or use anything manufactured, processed or packaged solely for the purpose of exploding, emitting sparks or combustion for amusement purposes, including fireworks, firecrackers, bottle rockets, caps, toy snakes, sparklers, smoke bombs, or cylindrical or cone fountains that emit sparks and smoke, except in displays authorized by the Town where adequate fire prevention measures have been taken.

The period of the emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist in the Town of Westford.

The Town Board, or its designated agents, has the authority to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the Town of Westford during the emergency, including without limitation to bar, restrict and remove all unnecessary traffic, vehicular or pedestrian from the local highways.

**Any person who violates a lawful order of the Town Board or its agents made under this emergency declaration shall forfeit not more than \$100 or, in default of payment of the forfeiture, shall be subject to imprisonment for 6 months for each separate offense.**

The Town Clerk shall publish this resolution under s.60.80, Wis. Stats in a local newspaper. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Board and the forfeiture penalties shall become effective upon publication.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012

Walter Minnig, Jr., Town Chairman

Dannel Banes, Town Supervisor

I, Clerk in and for the Town of Westford hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 7/2012-01 adopted by the Town of Westford Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Lolagene Cuff-Minnig, Town Clerk