

Burn ban lifted in the City of Dickson

Following storms that moved through the area late last week and over the weekend, the Dickson Fire Department announced Monday, Sept. 22, it has lifted its ban on outdoor burning.

“Most of the city received enough precipitation over the last few days that we feel comfortable in canceling the burn ban and resuming issuing burn permits,” said Dickson Fire Department Chief Richard Greer. “We still require anybody who plans on doing any outdoor burning in the city to obtain a burn permit in advance so we can continue to monitor conditions and track where burning is taking place.”

Burn permits from the Dickson Fire Department are free by calling 615-446-6331.

Dry conditions prompted the burn ban on Sept. 3. It was the second burn ban issued by the Dickson Fire Department this year, following a six-day ban March 12-17.

Burning outside of the City of Dickson corporate limits is regulated by local fire departments or the Tennessee Division of Forestry. Residents should check with the fire department in their area or the Division of Forestry at burnsafetn.org or 877-350-BURN (2876) for information regarding burning requirements. The Division of Forestry requires permits for outdoor burning Oct. 15-May 15.

The Division of Forestry and City of Dickson burn permits are free but provide the jurisdictions with control over where and when outdoor burning is conducted and allow daily monitoring of conditions.

Tennessee Code Annotated states any person, firm or corporation willfully or negligently setting fires shall be civilly liable for any expenses incurred in extinguishing the fire.

Dickson Municipal Code states any violation of the city’s ordinances regulating burning can result in a fine.

For more information on Tennessee Division of Forestry burn permits, visit burnsafetn.org or call 877-350-BURN (2876). For more information on burn permits from the City of Dickson Fire Department, call 615-446-6331.