

GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF FIRE PROHIBITION

WHEREAS, upon consultation with qualified officials, including the County’s Director of Emergency Management, and after consideration of the following:

1. Current drought conditions affecting Greene County, including designation of severe drought (D2) by the U.S. Drought Monitor;
2. A significant rainfall deficit impacting the region, contributing to extremely dry ground and vegetation conditions;
3. Forecasted weather patterns, including low humidity, elevated temperatures, and increased wind potential, which heighten wildfire risk; and
4. The potential for wildfires to threaten life, property, and place increased strain on emergency response resources;

FINDING that an emergency exists due to heightened fire danger throughout Greene County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that all **OPEN-AIR FIRES** are hereby **PROHIBITED** in Greene County, Virginia, effective **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**, and shall remain in effect until further notice.

For this declaration, “open-air fire” includes, but is not limited to:

- Campfires
- Brush fires
- Burn barrels
- Bonfires
- Debris burning and similar fires
- Ember producing grilling and cooking


FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that each violation of this prohibition shall constitute a **Class I misdemeanor**, and any local law enforcement officer is authorized to issue a summons directly to any individual found in violation of this ban.

FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the duration of this fire prohibition, the Director of Emergency Management is authorized to take all necessary actions, consistent with state law and local ordinances, to mitigate fire risk and manage any related emergency conditions.

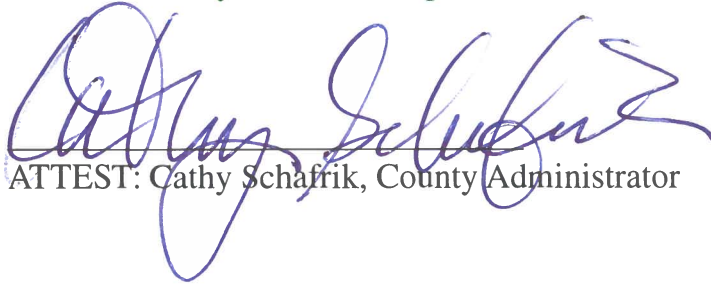
FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that to conduct the effect of this declaration, a sum not to exceed **\$5,000** is hereby appropriated from the County’s unappropriated fund balance to cover reasonable operational costs of Emergency Management, pending further report to the Board and any additional appropriations deemed necessary based on the scope of this emergency.

FURTHER, the County Administrator is directed to present this declaration to the Greene County Board of Supervisors for ratification at its next meeting.

Issued this 15th day of April 2026.



Steve Catalano, Chair,
Greene County Board of Supervisors



ATTEST: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator