

Borough Of MIDDLETOWN

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING AND FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the Middletown Borough Fire Marshal and Fire Chief have reported unusually high drought indicators, a lack of rainfall, and dangerously dry vegetation throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, these extreme weather conditions have created a heightened and immediate risk of severe wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the use of consumer fireworks, open burning, and other outdoor sources of ignition significantly increase the probability of accidental fires that could endanger public health, safety, property, and strain local emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Middletown Code empowers local officials to declare a local disaster and implement necessary emergency protective measures to mitigate the threat of fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF MIDDLETOWN BOROUGH:

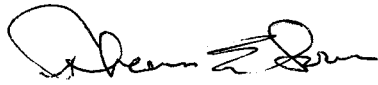
1. **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY:** A local state of emergency is hereby declared for all unincorporated and incorporated areas within Middletown Borough.
2. **BAN ON FIREWORKS:** The sale, discharge, and use of all consumer and commercial fireworks are strictly prohibited within the jurisdiction for the duration of this emergency.
3. **OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS:** As always the following are prohibited at all times outdoor burning—including but not limited to burn barrels, brush clearing fires, ceremonial fires, and all outdoor burning activities as per our ordinance.
4. **EXCEPTIONS:** This Order does not prohibit the use of above-ground, covered charcoal or gas grills used for food preparation, provided they are in a safe, clear area away from dry vegetation and combustible materials.

5. **PENALTIES:** Any person who violates this Executive Order commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 30 days.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until sufficient rainfall occurs to abate the hazardous conditions, at which time it will be rescinded.



MAYOR

7/2/2026
DATE



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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