

Deputy Clerk Katie

**EIGHTH EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS  
DECLARED BY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-10**

**DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE CONDITIONS (2026)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-5 declaring a local state of emergency in Levy County due to prolonged dry conditions, drought indicators, and heightened risk of wildfire in the County (the "Emergency Declaration"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager has been informed by County Emergency Management Staff that such conditions have ceased as of May 26, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 30 of the Levy County Code, as well as Resolution No. 2026-5, authorizes the chairman, or vice-chairman in the absence of the chair, or county administrator in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, to extend the Emergency Declaration in seven (7) day increments until it is found that the threat or danger no longer exists.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED THAT:**

1. The local state of emergency as provided in the Emergency Declaration is modified to include a revised termination date of 10 am (EST) on May, 26 2026.
2. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this proclamation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court as Ex Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners within three (3) days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's designated website: <https://levydisaster.com>

**ISSUED** on May 26, 2026.

**LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**Chair/Vice-Chair/County Manager**

This is a form document approved by the Interim County Attorney as to legal form and sufficiency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND SPECIALLY ASSEMBLED:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as the findings of the governing body.

**Section 2. Local State of Emergency.** A local state of emergency is hereby declared pursuant to section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, and Section 30-32 of the Levy County Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3. Countywide Burn Ban.** During the local state of emergency, the following activities are prohibited in all of Levy County, Florida:

- (A) All burning of any combustible material in an outdoor area, including but not limited to outdoor burning of yard waste, trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, land clearing fires, and cooking fires.
- (B) All outdoor activity which creates flames or sparks that could ignite a fire, including but not limited to the lighting of fireworks, sparklers, or other incendiary devices.

**Section 4. Exemptions.** The following activities are exempt from the prohibitions described in section 3 above:

- (A) The cooking of food completely contained within an enclosed gas or charcoal grill in accordance with manufacture instructions and warnings, and continuously attended by a responsible adult;
- (B) Agricultural, silvicultural, land clearing, or any activity for which a valid state open burn authorization has been issued by the Florida Forest Services with adequate fire suppression equipment and personnel on site;
- (C) Properly permitted fireworks displays conducted by the County or a municipality within its jurisdiction, with appropriate fire suppression measures in place;
- (D) Emergency flares discharges on navigable waters, lakes, or rivers; and
- (E) Firefighter training conducted by the County, a municipality, or the state or federal governments.

**Section 5. Enforcement.** Pursuant to section 252.50, Florida Statutes, and Section 30-37 of the Levy County Code of Ordinances, a violation of these emergency measures constitutes a second-degree misdemeanor under sections 775.082 or 775.083, Florida Statutes. Upon notification of a suspected violation, Levy County Fire Rescue shall respond as soon as practicable and take immediate measures to contain and extinguish the fire. Violators shall reimburse the County and any responding agencies for all response and fire suppression costs.