

## **BURN BAN**

# **BURNING PROHIBITED WITHIN LYMAN TOWN LIMITS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

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DHEC directed the State Forestry Commission to place a burn ban on all types of burning to include recreational fires (fire pits, bon fires etc.). The State Forestry Commission did so on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The reason for this ban is stated in the State Forestry Advisory, published April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and shown in red below.

“Smoke exacerbates the symptoms of those who have contracted the virus, but it also can trigger underlying respiratory issues in otherwise unaffected individuals, which could result in symptoms similar to those the COVID-19 virus is known to cause. “For infected individuals, breathing smoke could make coronavirus symptoms worse, increasing the risk of hospitalization or death,” said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Physician Consultant. “It could also cause people who have not contracted the coronavirus, but who are presenting COVID-19-like symptoms, to seek medical care at a time when medical resources are already stretched thin.”

For reference Section 4A of the Town of Lyman’s Open Burning Ordinance (Number 060710-2010) is posted to the Town of Lyman Website ([lymansc.gov](http://lymansc.gov)) under the Fire Dept. tab. This provides authority for the Mayor and Fire Official for the Town to make temporary adjustments to the ordinance.

Therefore, effective immediately, all burning is prohibited within the town limits of Lyman. Beginning April 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. the Police Department will issue fines at the request of the Fire Official. This remains in effect until the State Forestry and DHEC lift the State wide burn ban.