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Henderson County to Enforce Criminal Charges During Burning Ban

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Henderson County, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney Greg Newman have concurred that criminal charges will be brought against individuals caught violating the burning ban that was issued by the Fire Marshal on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Under authority of the Henderson County Code, Section 78-16.1, all outdoor burning is prohibited in areas within 100 feet of a structure. The penalties for violating the burning ban include a \$500 fine and court costs.

The Henderson County burning ban coincides with the statewide burning ban and shall remain in effect until cancelled.

"We must make every effort to do what we are able to do under the law to minimize the possibility of additional wildfires being ignited. We ask our citizens to assist us in implementing this burning ban," said County Manager Steve Wyatt.

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