

**JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Air Quality Program

**Application for Open Burning Exemption—*Revised* March 29, 2021**

Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-19-647

<http://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/env/air-quality/open-burning/overview>

Please complete all sections and write legibly at least five (5) business days prior to the start of the scheduled burning. Incomplete applications will result in processing delays; please review your completed application before submitting.

The Kansas City air quality planning region which includes Johnson County has consistently had air quality problems since the 1970's, and most recently experienced **12 episodes in 2018** where ozone levels exceeded the current National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Please be advised that the Kansas Air Quality Regulations may be revised to address attainment and maintenance of the ozone standard in the Kansas City area.

**All** exemptions issued for burning activities requiring this exemption will be restricted to days when the Skycast is predicted to be "Green" as determined only by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). This information can be found at <http://airqkc.org/> or on the main Open Burning page at our website [jcdhe.jocogov.org/environment/programs/air-quality/open-burning](http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/environment/programs/air-quality/open-burning). Exceptions can be granted for activities such as, but not limited to, fire training exercises.

In March, 2010 KDHE promulgated K.A.R. 28-19-645a, which restricts most open burning including fire training exercises. Anyone wishing an exemption to burn during the month of April must apply to JCDHE for the written approval. Contact Mr. Mike Boothe at 913-715-6939. For more information on the restrictions for April, go to [www.ksfire.org](http://www.ksfire.org). This form should be returned by mail or submitted electronically to [JOCO-OpenBurn@jocogov.org](mailto:JOCO-OpenBurn@jocogov.org).

1. Name & title of applicant:

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On-Site Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Applicant's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Burning will start on: \_\_\_\_\_

Burning will end on: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Location of burn site. (Complete at least one of the choices below.)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of site:

Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

7. **You must include a map of the burn location with your application.** A hand-drawn map is adequate but must be legible. **Approval will not be given without the required map attachment.**

A few map applications are listed below.

- AIMS: [maps.jocogov.org/ims](https://maps.jocogov.org/ims)
- Yahoo Maps: [maps.yahoo.com/broadband](https://maps.yahoo.com/broadband)
- Google Maps: [maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com)

8. List the approximate distances from the burn site to any occupied building, roads, airports, etc.

9. Site to be operated by: (select appropriate operator from drop down box)

10. Is this a new or existing site? New Existing

11. Is this request for agricultural purposes? Yes No

12. Is this site to be operated at a permitted landfill? Yes No

13. Estimate the amount and the nature of material to be burned: (ex. tree limbs, brush, etc.)

14. Size of the area to which the burning will be confined:

15. State the method of igniting the material:

16. Have you notified the local fire control authority? Yes No

17. Please list local fire district or department where the burning will occur:

18. State the reason why the proposed burning is necessary and in the public interest:

I have read the open burning conditions and agree to conduct all open burning operations in accordance with those conditions. It is mutually understood that representatives from the Johnson County Department of Health & Environment (JCDHE) will make unannounced inspections of the operation for compliance with the regulations and any approvals granted. It is further understood that any approval granted may be rescinded by the JCDHE or if approval from the local fire authority is withdrawn.

Please print name legibly: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_