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Due to Drought, Parish President Urges Residents to Stop Outdoor Fires

Due to the ongoing drought conditions and reports from Council Chairman Brent Callais, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph is urging residents not to light any outdoor fires. The dry conditions allow fires, even small, controlled fires, to quickly escalate to uncontrollable blazes. Local forecasts predict little to no rain in the coming weeks, serving only to worsen the drought situation.

Parish Ordinance No. 3391 states that any fires residents light on their property require a burn permit from the fire chief in their area. Many factors must be considered by the fire chief when issuing a permit, including prevailing winds, distance from a flammable structure, type of materials being burnt, and whether or not smoke from the fire will affect other residents or traffic in the area.

The ordinance also gives the local fire departments the authority to extinguish a fire at any time, if the department deems it to be a hazard or public nuisance and revoke a burn permit.

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