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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

TEMPORARILY LIMIT OUTDOOR BURNING DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Pembroke has experienced prolonged dry weather resulting in drought conditions. These drought conditions have significantly increased the risk of wildfires and the spread of uncontrolled fires. Open burning of yard debris poses a serious threat to public safety, property, and natural resources during periods of extreme dryness; and Pembroke desires to take reasonable and necessary measures to reduce fire hazards and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

1. Temporary Restrictions. All open burning of yard debris, including leaves, limbs, grass, and other vegetative matter, is hereby restricted within the limits of Pembroke effective as of April 22, 2026.
2. Prohibited Activities. No person shall ignite or allow the burning of yard debris outdoors.
3. Exemptions. This shall not apply to:
 - a. Controlled burns conducted by government agencies or authorized personnel for forestry or public safety purposes;
 - b. Fires used for cooking in approved grills or fire pits, provided they are attended and comply with applicable safety regulations; or
 - c. Agricultural or forestry burns conducted under a valid permit from the Georgia Forestry Commission in compliance with state law and Georgia Forestry Commission guidelines.
4. This shall be enforced by the City of Pembroke officials and their designated departments, including but not limited to the Pembroke Fire Department and the Pembroke Police Department.
5. Duration. This declaration shall remain in effect until drought conditions improve.
6. Public Notice. The city of Pembroke shall provide notice of this declaration through appropriate public channels including the City website, social media, and local news outlets.

This Declaration of Emergency is made this 22nd day of April 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and shall be effective immediately.



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