The Franklin, KY City Commission met in special called session at 8:30 am, Thursday, June 29, 2012, in the City of Franklin Conference Room, 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

- Mayor Ronnie Clark: Absent
- Commissioner Mason Barnes: Present
- Commissioner Larry Dixon: Present
- Commissioner Jamie Powell: Present
- Commissioner Henry Stone: Present

Others present included City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Fire Chief, Mark Holcomb; Police Lieutenant; Art McFadden; City Clerk, Mandy Cassady; Simpson County Emergency Management Director, Robert Palmer; and employee of Franklin WFKN Media, Keith Pyles.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jamie Powell called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, and Commissioner Henry Stone offered an opening prayer.

The advanced meeting agenda listed only one item.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action concerning Shooting Fireworks in the City Limits Due to Drought Conditions**

Commission heard report from Fire Chief, Mark Holcomb concerning the current drought conditions the City of Franklin and County of Simpson are facing. With no rain in the forecast for the next five days and the July 4th holiday approaching, Mr. Holcomb encouraged the commission to consider action of prohibiting the use of fireworks. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Dixon to amend the no-burn ordinance on a temporary basis to prohibit any outdoor burning within the City limits of Franklin until further notice from the Commission or the Fire Chief, to adopt Resolution No. M-2012, and to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem, Jamie Powell, to sign any documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion including, but not limited to the Resolution. Ayes: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Powell. Absent: Mayor Ronnie Clark. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLUTION M-2012**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY EXPANDING "NO-BURN" RESTRICTION

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Franklin finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Franklin to expand the existing “no-burn” restriction set forth in the City Ordinance No. 1010.54-2001 within the City limits of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, due to the drought-like conditions that exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky as follows:
1. The City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Franklin to issue this resolution stating that citizens and residents of the City of Franklin shall not use, fire, explode and/or ignite "fireworks" or "consumer fireworks" as those terms are defined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and/or Ordinance No. 1020.30-5-2011 under the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution. This Resolution suspends all using, firing, exploding, or igniting of fireworks pursuant to Ordinance No. 1020.30-5-2011, regardless of whether these activities occur on July 3rd or 4th, until the terms of this Resolution are lifted by the Commission or the Fire Chief, and all penalties set forth in Ordinance No. 1020.30-5-2011, shall apply for violations of that ordinance and/or this Resolution.

2. The City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, hereby resolves and states that this restriction is hereby in effect due to the extreme drought-like conditions that exist in Franklin. This restriction shall remain in effect until an adequate amount of rainfall is recorded, until the Fire Chief declares it is safe to resume the activities set forth hereinabove and/or until the City Commission, by motion and majority vote, lifts said restriction.

RESOLVED this 29th day of June, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:47 am.

Jamie Powell, Mayor Pro Tem

Mandy Cassady, City Clerk

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