



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF BOWIE

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IN COMMISSIONERS COURT

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Bowie County Commissioners Court met on August 14, 2023, and unanimously voted to authorize the County Judge of Bowie County, Texas to sign an order prohibiting outdoor burning if circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Bowie County has determined that such circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: by the County Judge of Bowie County, Texas, that ALL OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by:

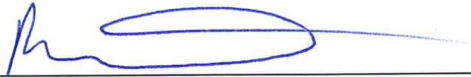
1. The Texas Forestry Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or
2. The County Judge, based on a determination that the circumstances that required this Order no longer exists.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.051(c), 352.081 and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for:

1. Firefighter training;
2. Public utility, TXDOT operations, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
3. Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or
4. Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code 153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code 153.047

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.0819(h) a violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. This ordinance may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer.

ORDER ISSUED on this 15th day of August, 2023 at 11:02 a.m.



Bobby Howell, Bowie County Judge

ATTEST:



Tina Petty, Bowie County Clerk

