

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FALLS §

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that 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;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Falls County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county until –September 23, 2019. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 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 for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, 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 Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. This Order does not prohibit the sale or use of fireworks.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Except when and where excluded by order of Commissioners Court relating to non-profit/fundraising activities where as a coal making fire will be allowed for barbecuing if both a 20 ft. circle area is cleared of fuel/grass, and an adequate source of water at the location of the coal making fire.

Commissioners Court excludes any burns made with the authorization of the County Judge, along with the Burn Manager in coordination and supervision of a volunteer fire department on site, in good standing with the Falls County Rural Volunteer Fire Association. The Falls County Sheriff's Office must be notified before the burn may begin.

ADOPTED this 9th day of Sept, 2019 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

J. Elliott
Jay T. Elliott, Falls County Judge

Attest: Linda Watkins
Linda Watkins, Falls County Clerk

