5

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 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 Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners Court or the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order nolonger exist.

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.

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 Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

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.

ADOPTED this 24th day of July, 2023 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Jay T. Elliott, Falls County Judge

Attest: Elizabeth Perez
Elizabeth Perez, Falls County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS COURT FALLS COUNTY, TEXAS