

STATE OF TEXAS •  
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COUNTY OF FAYETTE •

**EMERGENCY ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Commissioners' Court finds that extremely hot, extremely dry and extremely low humidity conditions exist in the County, and have already resulted in numerous fires in Counties near Fayette County; and


WHEREAS, the Fayette County Commissioners' Court finds that the danger and threat of said conditions causing destructive fires continue to exist and are expected to worsen and continue into the future; and

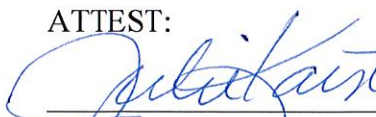
WHEREAS, the Fayette County Commissioners' Court finds that the hot, dry, and low humidity circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Fayette County that all outdoor burning in all the unincorporated area of Fayette County is prohibited for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier by this Court. 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; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; and this Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities (4) that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and that meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code; or (5) that are prescribed burns conducted by trained persons in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and that are conducted in accordance with a burn plan approved by such agencies.

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 AND ORDERED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

  
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Tom Muras  
Fayette County Judge Pro-Tem

ATTEST:  
  
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Julie Karstedt  
Fayette County Clerk

