



STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SABINE §

BURN BAN 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; and

WHEREAS, Sabine County has not had significant rainfall for an extended period; and

WHEREAS; these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS; such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property to a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Keetch-Byram Drought index for Sabine County is greater than 700; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Sabine 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 Commissioner Court or the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

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.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Sabine County, Texas for the duration of the above-mentioned declaration;

1. Actions Prohibited:

A person violates this order if he or she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

ADOPTED this 24 day of July, 2023.

Daryl Melton
Daryl Melton, County Judge

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