



ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county;

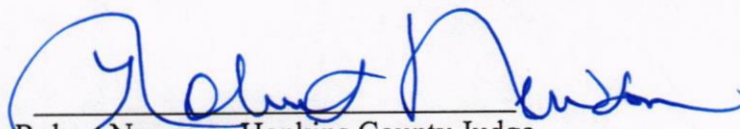
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or 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;
- (3) State funded road projects with a plan of action on file;
- (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;
- (5) commercial welding projects with a plan of action on file;
- (6) small fires for cooking in established contests sanctioned by Hopkins County or a municipal body with proper plan filed with the fire marshal's office.

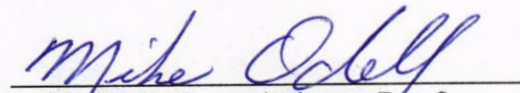
The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

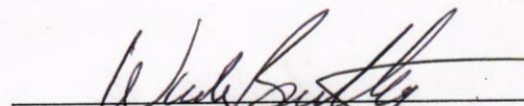
In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

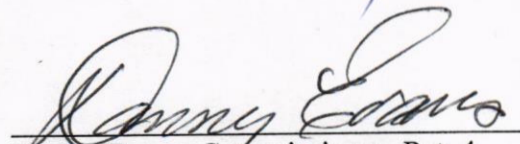
ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

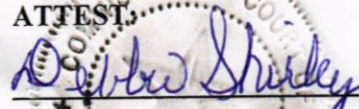
  
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Beth Wisenbaker, Commissioner, Pct.1

  
Mike Odell, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
Danny Evans, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:  
  
COUNTY CLERK

