

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HOPKINS §

ORDER [PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING] 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 Hopkins County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in all areas 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 County Judge and the County Fire Marshal 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; (5) commercial welding projects w/plan of action on file.

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 28 day of August, 2023 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Robert Newsom
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Mickey Barker
Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Greg Anglin
Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley
Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Joe Price
Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Jay Smith by Courtney Winstanley COUNTY CLERK

