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COUNTY OF HEMPHILL

**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

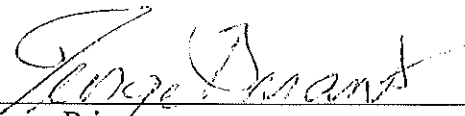
WHEREAS, the Hemphill County Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Hemphill County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of Hemphill County for 45 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made 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; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153, Natural Resources Code; (5) welding that is conducted within the guidelines as adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, said guidelines being attached hereto and made a part of this order.

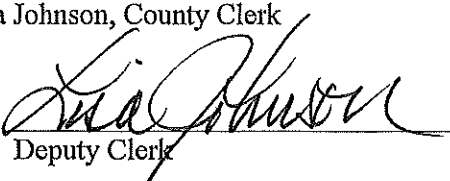
The Hemphill County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that require the Order no longer exist.

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

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

  
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George Briant  
Hemphill County Judge

ATTEST:  
Lisa Johnson, County Clerk

By:   
Deputy Clerk


# WELDING GUIDELINES

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*Adopted June 13, 2011 and effective until further action by the  
Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County*

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited.
2. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, fireworks; discarded cigarettes or other flammable materials used in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a wildfire.
3. Welding is allowed by commercial/professional welders under the following guideline ONLY:
  - a. A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.
  - b. A diameter around the welding area shall be a minimum of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be not less than three times the heights of the actual welding or a minimum of 25 feet, whichever is greater. Example: if the welding is occurring ten feet above the ground, a minimum perimeter of thirty (30) feet must be protected.
  - c. A minimum of 10 gallons of water must be available on site.
  - d. A minimum of one (1) water pressure, or ABC dry chemical, fire extinguisher per spotter is required and one spare. Each extinguisher should be at least 2 ½ gallons.
  - e. Each welding rig must have a Class B Chemical Fire Extinguisher, minimum 10 lbs.
  - f. If the work area cannot be cleared of vegetation proper precautionary measures must be taken. Example: protecting brush, etc., by utilizing fire resistant tarps.
  - g. Welding in an enclosed area is acceptable.
  - h. No welding is permitted if winds are 20 MPH or greater.

Approved by the County Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County, Texas on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

  
George Briant  
Hemphill County Judge

ATTEST:

  
Lisa Johnson  
Hemphill County/District Clerk