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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 11th day of May 2026 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.



Lisa Johnson
Hemphill County Judge

ATTEST:

Sylvia Guerrero, County Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk