


# WELDING GUIDELINES

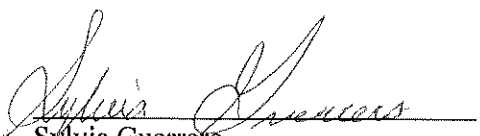
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*Adopted June 13, 2011 and effective until further action by the  
Commissioners' Court of Hemphill County*

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

  
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Lisa Johnson  
Hemphill County Judge

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Hemphill County/District Clerk