



STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BELL §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined 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 Bell County, Texas that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the County **until 12:00** ~~a.m.~~ ^{p.m.} **on August 10, 2020**, beginning at **11:00 a.m. on July 27, 2020**, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Commissioners Court that the circumstances creating a public safety hazard no longer exist. The County Judge is authorized to administratively rescind or extend this Order, permanently or temporarily, upon a determination the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist or that such continue to exist. In the event the County Judge extends the Order, such extension shall be valid for up to no more than seven (7) days.

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 (formerly the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or, (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.

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 27th day of July, 2020, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.



David Blackburn, County Judge

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