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COUNTY OF COLLINGSWORTH

ORDER [PROHIBITING OR 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 Collingsworth County that all outdoor burning prohibited in unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of the Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or 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; (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standard of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

Exceptions to the Burn Ban are as follows:

1. Outside cooking is allowed if it is on a covered grill made for that purpose and it is on a non flammable surface (gravel, concrete, and etc.)
2. Wind should be less than 15 mph
3. Water available at grill in case of fire
4. Extinguish grill when done

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 10th day of March, 2024 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Scott Martindale
COUNTY JUDGE

Attest: Jackie Johnson
COUNTY CLERK

