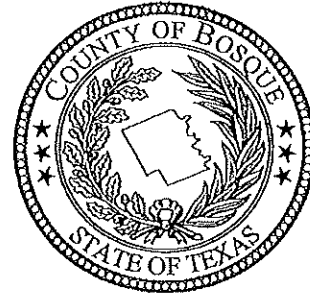


STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BOSQUE §



ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, after a review of local information relative to conditions in Bosque County including information provided by the National Weather Service, Texas Forrest Service, Bosque County Fire Marshal, firefighting personnel and various individuals who have knowledge of the current dry conditions in the unincorporated areas the Bosque County Commissioners Court makes the finding that, there has been prolonged dry and windy conditions which have contributed to the absence of ground moisture and the existence of dry vegetation in large portions of the unincorporated areas of Bosque County;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has also determined that Bosque County meets the drought criteria necessary to prohibit outdoor burning in all unincorporated areas of Bosque County and 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 Bosque County that all outdoor burning in Bosque County for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, is prohibited unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the County Judge or this Court.

This Order is adopted pursuant to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §352.081 and other applicable statutes.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities:

(1) related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for:

(A) firefighter training;

(B) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or

(C) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or

(2) 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.

(3) All bonfires are prohibited except those that are ceremonial in nature and are contained in fire rings and none are permitted if winds are or are predicted at 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.

(4) All campfires are prohibited except those contained in fire rings and none are permitted if winds are or are predicted at 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.

(5) The burning of household garbage is prohibited except those contained in a covered burn barrel and none are permitted if winds are or are predicted at 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.

(6) Any fire allowed under this order shall be attended at all times with appropriate fire safety equipment such as a shovel and water hose or bucket;

Welding is allowed under the following guidelines only:

- (1) A spotter is required for welding, cutting, grinding and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark. Spotter must remain on location for a minimum of 30 minutes after cessation of all activity.
- (2) A minimum of one (1) acceptable water source per spotter is required.
- (3) Welding in an enclosed area or underground is acceptable.
- (4) No welding is permitted if winds are 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.
- (5) Prior to ANY welding activity a phone call shall be placed by the welder or company conducting welding operations to the Bosque County Sheriff's department relaying the location of the project, cell phone for contact person, name of party responsible, and name of welder.

In accordance with V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §240.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

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

ADOPTED this 24 day of July, 2023.

BOSQUE COUNTY

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