



STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the 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 County Judge of Midland County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the County for **(90)** days from the date of start date of this Order, and to end on **October 22, 2023** 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 cooking activities in approved containers
- Burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
 - firefighter training;
 - public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
 - planting or harvesting of agricultural crops;
 - burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under § 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of § 153.047, Natural Resources Code.
- Burning of **HOUSEHOLD TRASH** if the following conditions are met:
 - Burning must be conducted between sunrise and 9am on the same day;
 - Sustained winds are below 15 miles per hour;
 - Household trash only;
 - Must be contained in a barrel or other container, cannot be in an open pit;
 - Must be observed by a responsible adult during the entire burning process;
 - Must have a sufficient water source within reach of the person responsible for the burning,
 - Weather and sunrise times are those stated from the National Weather Service and can be found at weather.gov.

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. Residents are also

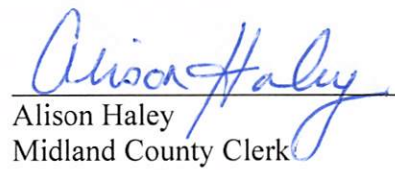
responsible for ensure all burning operations are conducted safely and that fires are contained at all times.

ADOPTED this **24nd** day of **July, 2023** and to start on **24th** of **July , 2023** by a vote of
 5 ayes and 0 nays.



Perry Johnson
Midland County Judge

Attest:



Alison Haley
Midland County Clerk