

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL §
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STATE OF TEXAS §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code provides that the commissioners court of a county, by order, may prohibit or restrict outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioners court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court does hereby find that the circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Rockwall County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for the unincorporated areas of Rockwall County, Texas:

1. Except as herein provided, all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the County for 90 days from the date the original order was adopted.
2. Enforcement:
 - (a) Under notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and extinguish the fire.
 - (b) If requested by a fire official, a commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.
 - (c) In accordance with Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500 and a peace officer may issue a citation for such violation named: VIOLATION OF BURN BAN ORDER.
3. 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 (a) firefighter training; (b) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (c) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops.
4. This order does not prohibit prescribed burns conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, and meets the standards set forth in Section 153.047 of the Texas Natural Resources Code.
5. All or part of this order may be rescinded at any time by the County Judge.


This Order prohibiting outdoor burning shall remain in effect for a period of 90 days and shall expire at the end of the said period or upon the date the Rockwall County Commissioners Court or County Judge determines that the circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Rockwall County no longer create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, whichever occurs earlier.

ORDERED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
COURT THIS THE 9 DAY OF August, 2022.



David Sweet, County Judge

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