



STATE OF TEXAS €

COUNTY OF WILLACY €

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Willacy County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county to include any incorporated city that does not have its own fire suppression resources, and extra-territorial jurisdiction area any property immediately adjacent to for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commissioner on Environmental Quality for: (1) Firefighter training (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops, or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code;

And any burning of household trash will be allowed under the auspices of a "Burn Permit" issued by and at the discretion of the County Fire Marshall's Office. The burning of trash will be conducted within a recommended container with a lid and be supervised by a responsible party from ignition until extinguished.

This restriction does not apply to any outdoor cooking activities that take place within a cooking apparatus. Outdoor cooking fires will be supervised by a responsible party from ignition until extinguishment

Outdoor Burning of any kind is prohibited on any day when “FIRE WATCH or RED FLAG” weather advisory is issued by the National

Weather Service. Notification of those days shall be via commercial news stations and the County Website.

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 14th day of July, 2022.



Aurelio Guerra, County Judge

Attest:



Susana R. Garza
County Clerk