

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO §

ORDER PROHIBITING AND RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions and excessive dried or cured overgrowth vegetation exist within the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of San Patricio County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEARBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County that all outdoor burning and outdoor burning without authorization of the San Patricio County Fire Marshal is prohibited and restricted in the unincorporated area of San Patricio County for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) it is determined by the Commissioners Court, the County Judge, or the County Fire Marshal that the circumstances that required this Order no longer exist.

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) firefighting 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 prescribe burn manager certified under Natural Resource Code 153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resource Code 153.047.

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 21st day of February, 2022 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays



David Krebs
David Krebs;
Honorable County Judge
San Patricio County

Attest: *Gracie Alaniz-Gonzales*
Gracie Alaniz-Gonzales County Clerk