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ORDER [PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING] OUTDOOR BURNING

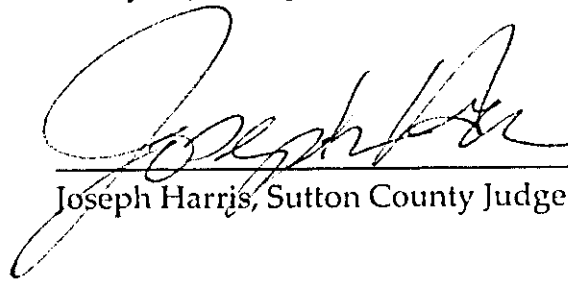
WHEREAS, Sutton County Judge Joseph Harris finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Sutton County create a public safety hazard that would or could be exacerbated by outdoor burning due to the dry conditions, above normal fuel and the forecasted wind advisory (Information referenced in the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, the Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Potential Forecast and the Texas Division of Emergency Management Updates);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by Sutton County Commissioner’s Court Designee County Judge Joseph Harris that all outdoor burning is immediately prohibited in the unincorporated area of Sutton County. This Order if adopted by the Commissioner’s Court can extend up to 90 days pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes; unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas A&M Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners Court or it’s designees (County Judge or County Fire Marshal) based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized and regulated by the Texas Commission 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 Certified Prescribed Burn Manager under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources 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.

Signed and Ordered this 16th day of January 2025.


Joseph Harris, Sutton County Judge

