

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING #09112023

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county great a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissions Court of Franklin County that outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order 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 Section 352.081, and other applicable statutes.

The restrictions contemplated by this Order include, but are not limited to, any and all outdoor grilling as well as any and all outdoor welding, not exempted pursuant to Subchapter D of Section 352 of the Local Government Code.

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) 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 bun manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2023 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Scott Rue

County Judge

Attest:

Brook Burrell

County Clerk

