

# STEPHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

## ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

THE STATE OF TEXAS            )(

COUNTY OF STEPHENS         )(

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Stephens County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for ninety 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 Commissioners Court. This order is adopted pursuant to the Local Government Code, Section 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 firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations. planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code, Section 153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code, Section 153.047.

Further, any activity that emits a flame or spark(s) and that does not fall within the burn ban guidelines stated above must have, in addition to the individual(s) performing the work, a spotter to supervise any activity to prevent a fire or its spreading. A minimum of 50 gallons of water and an adequate dispensing mechanism (pump and hose) must be in the immediate vicinity of the activity where a flame or spark(s) are emitted (THIS INCLUDES WELDING AND SHREDDING).

In accordance with the 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 by the Commissioners Court this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2023.

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



MICHAEL ROACH - COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JACKIE ENSEY - COUNTY CLERK



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At 10:30 O'clock A.M.  
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JACKIE ENSEY Co. Clerk  
STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS

