

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF STEPHENS §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create 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 banned in the unincorporated area of the county to begin immediately, **October 21, 2024**, for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, the same being **January 20, 2025**, 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 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) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

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 2024, October by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

THIS BURN BAN WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE
October 21, 2024.



County Judge, Michael Roach



Attest:



County Clerk, Jackie Ensey

