

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONER'S COURT
COUNTY ANNEX
300 E. OAK ST.
SONORA, TEXAS 76950

COUNTY OF SUTTON

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that could be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioner's Court that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county 30 days from the date of adoption of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioner's Court or its designee (County Judge or County Fire Marshall) that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to the following activities:

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY** that are authorized and regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for;
 - a. firefighter training;
 - b. public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
 - c. planting or harvesting of agricultural crops;
2. Burns that are conducted by a certified and insured **PRESCRIBED BURN MANAGER** under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code § 153.047.

The following **GUIDELINES** as set out below must be followed if certain activities are being performed:

Restrictions related to outdoor grilling or burning of household related trash:

- Only a covered metal receptacle that will contain all flames and sparks produced by the fire may be used to grill or burn household related trash.
- Someone must be present at all times while grilling or burning household related trash.
- A water supply must be readily available until the fire in the covered metal receptacle has completely burned down and is cool to the touch.

Restrictions related to outdoor welding or related activities:

- A spotter is required for each welder or operator of hot equipment.
- A minimum of one water pressurized fire extinguisher per spotter, or a readily available water supply is required.

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. Please report any suspected violations of this Order to the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, 401 E. Oak St. Sonora, Texas, (325) 387-2288,

Therefore, pursuant to Local Government Code § 352.081, and other applicable statutes this Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is **ADOPTED** by the Sutton County Commissioner's Court on this _____ day of _____ at _____ am/pm, by a vote of _____ ayes, _____ nays, and _____ abstaining.

Joseph Harris, County Judge

Lee Bloodworth, Pct. 1

Bob Brockman, Pct. 2

David Blesing, Pct. 3

Harold Martinez, Pct. 4