

# Sutton County Commissioner's Court

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Joseph Harris, County Judge  
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## ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Researcher's with the Texas A&M University Forest Service have made the determination that drought conditions exist within Sutton County as forecasted in the Keetch-Byran Drought Index (KBDI), Texas Fire Danger Rating (TFD), Fuel Moisture Percentile, Fuel Dryness Percentile and Burning Index Percentile;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas A&M University Forest Service determination the Commissioner's Court finds that the 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 Commissioner's Court that all outdoor burning is prohibited or restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, unless these restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination that the circumstances requiring this order no longer exist is made by:

- (1) the Texas A&M University Forest Service;
- (2) the Commissioners Court or it's designee (County Judge or County Fire Marshal);

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;
- (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops;
- (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified 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.**

ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

  
Joseph Harris, County Judge

  
Attestor: Pam Thorp, County & District Clerk