

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF SUTTON

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## ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

**WHEREAS**, Sutton County Judge Joseph Harris finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Sutton County continue to create a public safety hazard that would or could be exacerbated by outdoor burning due to the dry conditions, above normal fuel and the forecasted wind advisory (Information referenced in the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, the Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Potential Forecast, the Texas Division of Emergency Management Updates, and the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS));

**IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER** of the Sutton County Commissioner's Court that all outdoor burning is immediately prohibited in the unincorporated area of Sutton County. This Order if adopted by the Commissioner's Court can extend up to 90 days pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes; unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners Court or a designee (County Judge or County Fire Marshal) based on a determination that the circumstances that required the "Order Prohibiting or Restricting Outdoor Burning" no longer exist.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized and regulated 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 Certified Prescribed Burn Manager 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.

Signed and Ordered this 14th day of April 2025.



  
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Joseph Harris, Sutton County Judge