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COUNTY OF SUTTON

PAM THORP
SUTTON COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK

ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

As of the 11th day of November 2025, Sutton County Judge Joseph Harris and County Fire Marshall TJ Thorp find that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Sutton County create a public safety hazard and fire potential 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 Sutton County Judge Joseph Harris that all outdoor burning is immediately prohibited in the unincorporated area of Sutton County. This Order will stay in place until November 24th, 2025 at which time if adopted by the Commissioner's Court can be extended 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 11th day of November 2025.


Joseph Harris, Sutton County Judge
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