

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service, and or Schleicher County Fire Chief has determined that drought conditions exist within the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds 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 Schleicher County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, 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 operation; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by Edwards Plateau Prescribe Burning Association, National Resource Conservation Service and/or the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

IT IS ALSO HEREBY ORDERED AS TO Section 352.081 (e)(2) the Fire Chief and County Judge are hereby designated as the officers authorized to determine whether circumstances no longer exist to prohibit outdoor burning, and the two together may rescind this Order at such time.

All burns shall be reported prior to commencing said burns to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office, (325) 853-2737, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

All burns shall also be reported prior to commencing to the Schleicher County Fire Chief and the Schleicher County Sheriff's office upon completion, the Schleicher County Sheriff's office and Schleicher County Fire Chief shall be notified.

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 the 26th day of June, 2023 by vote of (5) ayes and (0) nays.

Charlie Bradley
Charlie Bradley
Schleicher County Judge

Attest: *Mary Ann Gonzalez*

Mary Ann Gonzalez (County Clerk)

