

ORDER NO. 2022-07-02-CC

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF RUSK

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Rusk County is in agreement that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, this order will not prohibit the use of outdoor gas grills, charcoal grills, and barbeque smokers that are completely enclosed but will ban the use of any rolling unit with fire in the box on any road in Rusk County. This order does prohibit the use of burning in an enclosed burn barrel/receptacle.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Rusk County that all outdoor burning is banned in unincorporated areas of Rusk County for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of this Order, or restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081 (h), and other applicable statues. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that would include: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, and natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) harvesting of agricultural crops.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of the Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ORDERED this the 5th day of July, 2022.

Not present
JOEL HALE, RUSK COUNTY JUDGE

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ATTEST: Trudy McGill
TRUDY MCGILL, COUNTY CLERK

