

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MILLS

**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
AND CERTAIN FIREWORKS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all 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 Mills 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 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 Natural Resources Commission 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 prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. Further, this order does not prohibit burning in a burn barrel provided said barrel is equipped with a screen cover with spacings no larger than (1) square inch.

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.

Finally, it is ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Mills County that should circumstances warrant, as determined by the County Judge, a Fire Chief and one other Commissioner, this order may be rescinded, either temporarily or permanently, without a vote of the full Commissioners' Court.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2019, by unanimous vote of the Commissioners' Court of Mills County. To be effective at 12:00 p.m., July 22, 2019.

Attest: Carolyn Foster
Carolyn Foster, County Clerk

[Signature]
[Signature], County Judge

