

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MILLS

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, circumstances present in all of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, the Texas Forrest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Mills County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2020, 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 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 one (1) square inch.

The County Judge may, at his sole discretion, grant specific exceptions to this ORDER to the Mills County Prescribed Burn Association for burns approved, conducted and managed by the Association.

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 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circumstances warrant, as determined by the County Judge, a Fire Chief and one other Commissioner, this order may be rescinded, either temporarily or permanently, without a vote of the full Commissioner's Court.

ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2020.

[Signature]
Ed Smith, County Judge

Attest: *[Signature]*
Carolyn Foster, County Clerk



FILED FOR RECORD
At 9:32 O'Clock a M
AUG 14 2020 *[Signature]*
CAROLYN FOSTER County & District Clerk
Mills County, Texas
By _____ Deputy