

State of Texas

County of Mitchell

JUL 15 2020
AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
CARLA KERN
County Clerk, Mitchell County, Texas
By: [Signature] Deputy

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS the Mitchell County Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County that all outdoor burning be prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for 30 days from the date of the adoption of this Order, unless 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 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 prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. This Order does not prohibit the burning of household trash as long as the trash is contained and the top of the container is adequately covered to prevent sparks or embers from leaving the container. This Order does not prohibit outdoor cooking as long as the cooker is covered and contained to prevent sparks or embers from leaving the container.

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.

Ban will go into effect on the 13th day of July, 2020 for a 30 day period. During this time if we have significant rainfall the burn ban can be lifted.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2020 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.



[Signature]
Mark Merrell, County Judge

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Carla Kern, County Clerk