

ORDER NO. 08-14-2023-29
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULATING OUTDOOR BURNING (BURN BAN) IN UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF WEBB COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that Webb County currently has an average Drought Index of 717 KBDI and may reach 727 KBDI; and

WHEREAS, the Webb County Commissioners Court hereby finds that drought circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Webb County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §352.081 of the Local Government Code, the Webb County Commissioners Court has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Webb County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; and

WHEREAS, the Webb County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of Webb County to enact an order to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning to promote the public welfare, safety and health of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, acting in its duly authorized capacity for Webb County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas that:

- A. All outdoor burning, including but not limited to outdoor burning of trash and brush piles, in the unincorporated areas of Webb County is prohibited for 90 days from the date of the adoption of the Order.
- B. 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 operations; or
 - 3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or
 - 4) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or
 - 5) that are conducted by a certified and insured prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.
- C. This Order may terminate sooner if a determination is made by the Commissioners Court that the circumstances giving rise to this burn ban order no longer exist.

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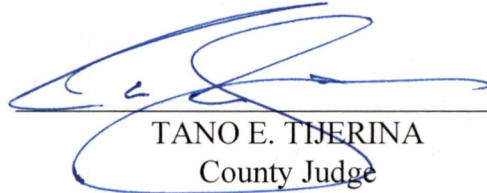
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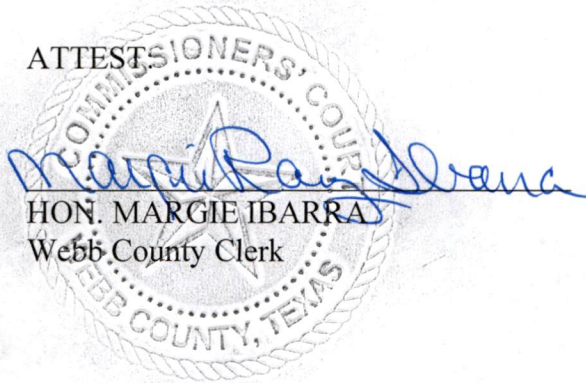
D. Any person is entitled to injunctive relief to prevent the violation or threatened violation of a prohibition or restriction established by this order. In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081 (h), a knowing or intentional violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ORDERED this the 14th day of July, 2023.



TANO E. TIJERINA
County Judge

ATTEST



Margie Ibarra
HON. MARGIE IBARRA
Webb County Clerk