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COUNTY OF MONTAGUE §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances are present in all of 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 Montague County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the 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 Section 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 Commission on Environmental Quality for: **(1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) harvesting of agricultural crop; or welding allowed with restrictions listed below:**

a. area should be clean 15ft.or more on welding site;
b. there should be at least 55 gallons of water with the ability to pressurize and spray welding site;
c. an additional person should be on site with welder to spot fires; and
d. a fire extinguisher on welding site.

(4) Outdoor cooking allowed with the restrictions listed below:

a. the cooking device is propane or natural gas and has a complete and full enclosure that is utilized at all times; or

b. the cooking device is wood or charcoal and has a complete and full enclosure that is utilized, and all areas around the cooking device shall be clear of vegetation and /or combustible materials or debris for a 5 foot radius.

In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.00.
The Montague County Judge may rescind this Order upon determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2026.

Kevin Thelen, Montague County Judge

ATTEST:

Kim Jones,
County Clerk

COUNTY COURT OF TEXAS
MONTAGUE COUNTY