



## TARRANT COUNTY

### PROHIBITION OF OUTSIDE BURNING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County has not had rainfall for an extended period of time and the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in all of the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the present dry conditions pose the threat of dangerous grass fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the present meteorological conditions and the dry, dead plant life create an imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of life or property resulting from a man-made cause, namely fire, and a natural cause, namely drought; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court finds that the conditions herein described persist in all of the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County, Texas and these conditions create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by uncontrolled burning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court is acting under the authority codified at §352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code in adopting the following Commissioners Court Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County:

1. That all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County, Texas except burning within an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and sparks, and welding guidelines established by the County Fire Marshal or except as authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and
2. That violations of this order are defined and punishable as described in §352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
3. That this order shall take effect August 20, 2024 and continue for a period of 90 days from and including the date of the adoption of this order and unless repealed in accordance with the State of Texas law.

This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.  
Court Order # \_\_\_\_\_

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County Judge Tim O'Hare

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