



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 08/20/2024

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PROHIBITION AGAINST OUTSIDE BURNING
WITHIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TARRANT COUNTY**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve and sign an order prohibiting outside burning within the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County for a period of 90 days from this date or until repealed by the Court in accordance with State of Texas law.

BACKGROUND

The County Fire Marshal has requested that outside burning be prohibited within the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. The ban is in response to 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.

Legislation by the 76th Texas Legislature changed procedures/time frames for prohibition of outside burning. The major change calls for increments of 90 days, which may be repealed within that period of time if the ban is no longer needed. If, after that period of time, the Fire Marshal recommends continuation of the ban, another 90-day ban will be requested.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Fire Marshal	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	David Butler
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