

STATE OF TEXAS

CLAY COUNTY

EXTENDING ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Clay County has determined that circumstances present in all 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 Clay County that outdoor burning is banned in Clay County for an extended thirty (30) 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 the County Judge as approved this date in the Commissioners' Court of Clay County. 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;
- (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code and also before burn, advise the Clay County Sheriff's Department and all neighbors and have local Volunteer Fire Department on scene;
- (5) welding is permitted if you have at least 2 people (1 spotter) and at least 100 gallons of water with sprayer; and
- (6) outdoor cooking is permitted in an enclosed cooking container only, no open fires.

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.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

  
Mike Campbell, County Judge

Attest:

  
Sasha Kelton, County Clerk

