

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF PARMER

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Commissioners' Court Order # 2020-12-61

### ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Parmer County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area 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 §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) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (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. Another exception to the Burn Ban would be that a party can burn if winds are 10 mph or less, the Sheriff's Office is notified and the party's local Fire Department is notified.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 by a vote of 5 ayes and \_\_\_\_ nays.



PARMER COUNTY JUDGE

Trey Ellis

ATTEST:



Susie Spring, Parmer County Clerk

