ORDER NO. 2025 - 10 - 21CC

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF RUSK

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING (PROVISIONAL)

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Rusk County agrees that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, this order will not prohibit the use of outdoor gas grills, charcoal grills, and barbeque smokers that are completely enclosed but will ban the use of any rolling unit with fire in the box on any road in Rusk County. This order does not prohibit the use of burning in an enclosed burn barrel/receptacle as long as the fire is attended and a water source is available.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Rusk County that PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED in unincorporated areas of Rusk County for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of this Order, or restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.051(c) and 352.081 (h), and other applicable statues. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that would include: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) harvesting of agricultural crops.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of the Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 ORDERED this the <u>it</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2025 at <u>lo</u>: <u>oo</u> a.m. or p.m.

OEL HALE, RUSK COUNTY JUDGE

RANDY GAUT, COMM. PCT. 1

ROBERT KUYKENDALL, COMM. PCT. 2

GREG GIBSON, COMM, PCT, 3

ATTEST:

BENNIE WHITWORTH, COMM. PCT 4

TRUDY McGM, COUNTY CLERK