



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUSK

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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Commissioners Court has determined 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.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: by the Commissioners Court of Rusk County, Texas that **ALL OUTDOOR BURNING IS PROHIBITED** for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by:

- 1. the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or
- 2. the County Fire Marshal based on a determination that the circumstances that required this Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §§ 352.051(c), 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 (TCEQ) 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 Natural Resources Code § 153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code § 153.047.

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.

ORDER ISSUED ON THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024 at 10 : 15 A.M.



JOEL HALE
COUNTY JUDGE




RANDY GAUT
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1



ROBERT KUYKENDALL
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2



GREG GIBSON
COMMISSIONER, PCT.3



BENNIE WHITWORTH
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

TRUDY MCGILL, COUNTY CLERK



COUNTY SEAL