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COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

ORDER PROHIBITING AND RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all parts of unincorporated area of San Patricio County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEARBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County that all outdoor burning and outdoor burning without authorization of the San Patricio County Fire Marshal is prohibited and restricted in the unincorporated area of San Patricio County for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions, fire weather conditions, and abundant cured vegetation no longer exist; or (2) it is determined by the Commissioners Court, the County Judge, or the County Fire Marshal that the circumstances that required this Order no longer exist.

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 prescribe burn manager certified under Natural Resource Code 153.048 and meet the standard of Natural Resource 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.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2025 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.



David Krebs

David Krebs, County Judge
San Patricio County

Attest

Gracie Alaniz-Gonzales

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County Clerk