

EMERGENCY ORDER BANNING OUTDOOR BURNING

AN EMERGENCY ORDER IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY RULES DIRECTED AT THE PREVENTION OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Montague County Commissioners Court has declared a local state of disaster in accordance with Section 352.081 of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at eliminating outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Montague County as a source for wildfires during the current dry weather; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire and drought continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of control to mitigate the likelihood of such fires should include the prohibition of:

- (1) Burning of trash and domestic waste, maintenance or land clearing, brush, campfires and trees; and

WHEREAS, this Order limits 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) harvesting of agricultural crop; or (4) welding allowed with restrictions listed below:**

- 1) area should be clean 15 ft or more on welding site.
- 2) there should be at least 55 gallons of water with the ability to pressurize & spray welding site.
- 3) an additional person should be onsite with welder to spot fires.

ORDERED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2025, AT 12:00 P.M. (If no other action is taken this order will expire in 7 days).


KEVIN L. BENTON, Montague County Judge

