

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, THE Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county; **OR**

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 Hamilton County that all outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of the 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 Commissioners Court or the County Judge or County Fire Marshal, based on determination that the circumstances that required the 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 prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.047.

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.

ADOPTED this 11 day of July, 2023 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Attest:

Rachel Lamb Lee



[Signature]
COUNTY JUDGE