

ORDER

AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT BY COUNTY PERSONNEL OF OUTDOOR BURING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND STIPULATED REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY MOORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On **February 10, 2025** the Commissioners' Court of Moore County, Texas convened in Open Session at the Courthouse of Moore County, Dumas, Texas, with a quorum present, and among proceedings, had the following Order passed, by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the state of Texas continues to experience a high risk of violent wildfires, and;

WHEREAS, vegetation is getting very dry across Moore County, and;

WHEREAS, dry dormant grasses are especially susceptible to fast ignition and rapid spread of fire, and;

WHEREAS, there is no short-term immediate relief from the extreme conditions, and;

WHEREAS, Moore County Commissioners' Court feel compelled to protect citizen life and property and first responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that effective **February 10, 2025**, the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Moore County, Texas for the next 90 days, unless otherwise lifted:

PROHIBITED ACTIONS:

A person violates this order if they burn any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or debris; or, orders such burning by others. In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

EXCEPTION:

A person may request to be approved for a safe burn to be determined by the County Judge and the area Fire Chief with regard to a specific area and material to be burned.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

ADOPTED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT THIS 10th day of February, 2025.



Rowdy Rhoades
County Judge



Brenda McKanna
County Clerk