

**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 **October 24, 2022** 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 **November 3, 2022**, 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:**

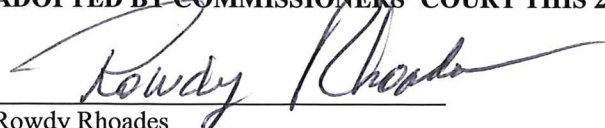
A person violates this order if they burn any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or debris; or, orders such burning by others. In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits 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 24th day of October, 2022.**

  
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Rowdy Rhoades  
County Judge

  
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County Clerk  
Brenda McKanna

