State of Texas

County of King

Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that Drought conditions exist within the county;

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 be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

ITS IS HEREBY ORDERED FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE BURN BAN by the Commissioners Court of King County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. 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 agriculture crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code. This Order does prohibit Welding activities that are not in compliance with King County Welding regulations being, a spotter for each welder, the perimeter around the welding area shall established clear of vegetation and if possible wet the ground, 2.5 gallon sprayer with 10 gallons of water and a 10 pound fire extinguisher and no welding is allowed if the winds are 20 mph or greater and the relative humidity is less than 30%.

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 5th day of August, 2024 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

County Judge

Attest:

County Clerk