



STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF ARANSAS §

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

COURT ORDER #0-21-2014
ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the *Texas Local Government Code* authorizes the Commissioners Court through its County Judge to adopt an Order restricting outdoor burning during drought conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Aransas County; and,

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Aransas County has determined that circumstances present in the unincorporated portions of the County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, *Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code* provides that such an Order lasts for a maximum period of up to 90 days or until a determination by the Texas Forest Service or this Court and/or County Judge that drought conditions no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Judge of Aransas County, that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas 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 the Commissioners' Court through its County Judge. 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 Natural Resources Commission 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, in accordance with the *Natural Resources Code*. In accordance with *Local Government Code §352.081(h)*, a violation of this **Order** is a Class C Misdemeanor.

DULY ADOPTED BY ARANSAS COUNTY ON AUGUST 25, 2014.

/S/ MILLS

C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

/S/ CHANEY

JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1

/S/ CASTERLINE

LESLIE CASTERLINE, Commissioner Pct. 2

/S/ SMITH

CHARLES SMITH, Commissioner Pct. 3

/S/ STILE

BETTY STILES, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

/S/ FRIEBELE

PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, County Clerk