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Judge C.H. “Burt” Mills announced today, March 22, 2021, a Burn Ban is in effect for Aransas County. Due to the existing dryness and recent events this Burn Ban will take place until further notice.



STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF ARANSAS §

COURT ORDER #0-04-2021
ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Court of Aransas County 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; 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;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Court authorizes the County Judge to rescind the outdoor burning Order once conditions have improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners’ Court of Aransas County, Texas, 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 (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist, or (2) the Commissioners Court and/or County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This ORDER is adopted pursuant to *Texas 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 Section 153.048*, and meet the standards of *Natural Resources Code, Section 153.047*.

In accordance with *Texas 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

DULY ADOPTED BY ARANSAS COUNTY ON MARCH 22, 2021.

 /S/ C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.
C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

 /S/ J Chaney
JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1

 /S/ L Casterline
LESLIE CASTERLINE, Commissioner Pct. 2

 /S/ P Rousseau
PAT ROUSSEAU, Commissioner Pct. 3

 /S/ W LAUBACH
WENDY LAUBACH, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

 /S/ C ARRINGTON
CARRIE ARRINGTON, County Clerk