

**LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION AND OUTDOOR BURNING BAN
DUE TO INCREASED RISK OF WILDFIRES**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF ARANSAS

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WHEREAS, Aransas County has not received adequate rainfall which has created dry conditions and there is an increased threat of large, dangerous, and fast moving wildfires; and,

WHEREAS, wildfires have the potential to endanger lives and property on a large scale; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Local Government Code the County Judge has the authority to declare a local disaster within the County "if the threat of disaster is imminent;" and,

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential loss of life and property and the rapidity with which such fires could escalate to major proportions constitutes an imminent threat of disaster; and,

WHEREAS, a disaster declaration allows the imposition of controls over activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and,

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting life and property by reducing the threat of dangerous fires; and,

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven (7) days after its issuance unless the Commissioners Court consents to its renewal or continuance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Ray A. Garza, County Judge of Aransas County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Aransas County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this Local Disaster Declaration shall continue until it expires in seven (7) days or is rescinded in accordance with Texas law, but in no event shall it extend beyond seven (7) days without being renewed or continued by the Aransas County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that the purpose of this Local Disaster Declaration is to mitigate the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning on a temporary basis.

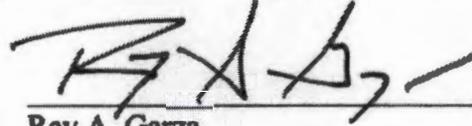
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Local Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C Misdemeanor which carries a possible penalty of a fine not to exceed Five

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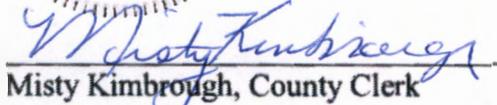
Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed One Hundred and Eighty (180) days.

This Local Disaster Declaration shall be promptly filed with the County Clerk and publicized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature on this 12th day of March 2026.



Ray A. Garza
Aransas County Judge



Misty Kimbrough, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD

AT 4:07 P.M.

MAR 12 2026

**MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS**