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COUNTY OF HOWARD

**ORDER PROHIBITING SALE OR USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS  
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

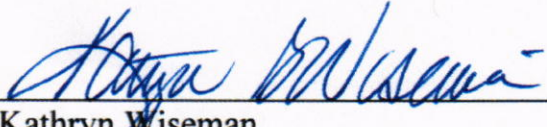
**WHEREAS**, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in HOWARD County; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, the Commissioners Court of HOWARD County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of HOWARD County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners Court of HOWARD County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of HOWARD County:

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as “skyrockets with sticks” and “missiles with fins” in any portion of the unincorporated area of HOWARD County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit “permissible fireworks” as authorized in Occupations Code Section 2154.003(a).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.
- D. This Order expires when conditions no longer exist in the county or on March 15, 2021, whichever is earlier.

APPROVED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, by the HOWARD County Commissioners Court.

  
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Kathryn Wiseman  
County Judge, Howard County, Texas

Attest:

  
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Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk,  
Howard County, Texas