

**RESOLUTION FOR
PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING
IN IRION COUNTY**

R 22-001

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Irion County continues to find that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county are creating a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Irion County Commissioners' Court that outdoor burning will be prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for **NINETY (90)** days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by 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 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 Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commissioners' Court hereby sets restrictions to provide as follows:

1. The burning of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to outdoor cooking apparatus and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.
2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, **OUTDOOR WELDING** shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
 - A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour; and,
 - B. The welder must notify the Irion County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,
 - C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,
 - D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.


3. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, **OUTDOOR COOKING** shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
- A. Outdoor cooking shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour; and,
 - B. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a twenty (20) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any outdoor cooking begins; and,
 - C. Outdoor cooking shall be maintained in a conventional bar-b-que pit or contained in a ground pit; and,
 - D. A spotter with water must be on hand before any cooking begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

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 14th day of June, 2022.



TIA PAXTON, Commissioner Precinct 1



MOLLY CRINER, County Judge



JEFF DAVIDSON, Commissioner Precinct 2




JOHN NANNY, Commissioner Precinct 3



BILL McMANUS, III, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest this 14th day of June, 2022.



Shirley Graham
Irion County Clerk

By: _____
Deputy