

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF GRAYSON

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## EMERGENCY DECLARATION

### ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with provisions Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster is hereby declared by the County Judge of Grayson County, Texas based upon the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of Grayson County commencing at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2022 until March 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. unless extended by Commissioners Court or superseded by Commissioners Court burn ban order.**

**This Order does not prohibit the following outdoor burning activities:**

**a. Outdoor Cooking with the following restrictions:**

- (1) The cooking device is propane, natural gas, wood or charcoal and has a complete and full enclosure that is utilized at all times,
- (2) The cooking device shall be clear of vegetation and combustible materials or debris for a 10 foot radius, and
- (3) Adequate fire suppression equipment in the form of either a fire extinguisher or water hose attached to a constant water supply that is immediately available.

**b. 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 manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Texas Natural Resources Code.

**Welding and/or hot work allowed with restrictions listed below:**

- (1) All areas where welding, cutting, or grinding operations are being performed will be free of vegetation and combustible materials or debris for at least twenty five (25) feet in all directions,

- (2) Surface around welding area will be wetted down,

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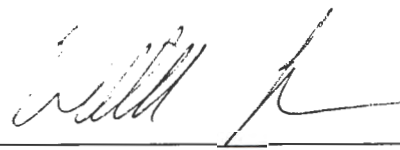
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- (3) Wind speeds must be no more than 15 miles per hour while performing welding, cutting, or grinding operations,
- (4) A dedicated fire watch person will attend and monitor each welder, cutter, grinder or any activity which causes sparks,
- (5) A minimum of 100 gallons of water with a capability to be sprayed will be required at any site where above mentioned activities take place,
- (6) Each site will have communications capability on site to provide emergency notifications,
- (7) At least one member of the work crew will remain on scene, with water stand by, for 30 minutes after operations are completed to ensure no danger exists, and
- (8) If an emergency arises where these activities must be performed and above conditions cannot be met then the person conducting work shall notify the fire department for that area to request stand-by at the scene until actions are complete plus 30 minutes.

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code § 418.173 a violation of this Order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that this order may be enforced by any duly-commissioned peace officer or fire chief, and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be in Grayson County, Texas.

ORDERED this 4th day of March, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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William L. Magers, County Judge  
Grayson County, Texas

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