STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JACK§

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined 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;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Judge of Jack County, following Texas law, that a natural disaster has been declared due to the threat of wildfires, and that all outdoor burning in Jack County from the date of this order is prohibited unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or the Jack County Commissioners Court.

I am following V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.00.

ORDERED this 15th day of October 2025.

JACK COUNTY

By: _____-

BRIAN KEITH UMPHRESS, County Judge

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
BY _____ DEPUTY

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has also determined 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Jack County that all outdoor burning in Jack County for 90 days from this order's adoption date is prohibited unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

This Order is adopted according to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §352.081 and other applicable statutes.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities:

(1) related to public health and safety, which the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission authorizes:

(A) firefighter training;

(B) a public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or

(C) planting or harvesting of crops or

(2) 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.

Fort Richardson State Historical Park is granted an exemption from this order on the following conditions:

(1) All bonfires are prohibited.

(2) All campfires are prohibited except those contained in metal fire rings, and none are permitted if winds are predicted at 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30 %.

(3) No fire allowed under this exemption shall be left unattended;

(4) Any fire allowed under this exemption shall be attended with appropriate fire safety equipment, such as a shovel and water hose or bucket;

(5) Charcoal fires will be allowed in fire rings or metal cook boxes; and,

(6) Charcoal used in said fires shall be manufactured to contain sufficient lighting fluid to ignite the charcoal.

Welding is allowed by commercial/professional welders under the following guidelines only:

(1) A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and any activity that causes or may cause a spark.

(2) A perimeter around the welding area shall be established of a radius of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be three times the height of the actual welding. For example, if the welding occurs ten feet off the ground, a perimeter of thirty (30) feet of radium must be protected.

(3) A minimum of 100 gallons of pressurized water must be available on site.

(4) A minimum of one (1) water-pressure fire extinguisher per spotter is required.

(5) If the perimeter cannot be cleared of vegetation, proper precautionary measures must be taken (e.g., protecting brush using fire-resistant tarps).

(6) Welding in an enclosed area or underground is acceptable.

(7) No welding is permitted if winds are 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.

(8) The welder or Company conducting welding operations must, before activities, file with the Jack County Sheriff's Office proof of adequate liability insurance or bond for at least $300,000.

(9) Before ANY welding activity, a phone call shall be placed by the welder or company conducting welding operations to the Jack County Sheriff's Department, relaying the location of the project, cell phone for a contact person, name of the party responsible, and name of the welder.

Failure by a person to comply with the County's Emergency Plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan is an offense that may be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed $500 or as authorized by Government Code, Section 418.173 by a fine not to exceed $1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

The County Judge may rescind this Order upon determining that the circumstances requiring it no longer exist.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October 2025

JACK COUNTY

By: _____
Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

Attest:

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Vanessa James, Jack County Clerk

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