

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF MCCULLOCH §

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO WILDFIRES

WHEREAS, McCulloch County is experiencing severe dry weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions and the lack of adequate precipitation poses an increased and/or immediate threat of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, a wildfire within the county has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which a wildfire could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; **and therefore, prohibition of the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all outdoor burning and other activities that could result in a fire.**

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Frank Trull, County Judge of McCulloch County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of wildfire in McCulloch County, Texas. **BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater. This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 26th day of January, 2022. County Judge Filed with the Clerk of County on January 26, 2022.


McCulloch County Judge



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